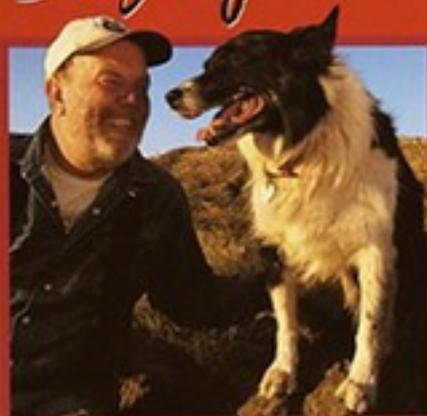


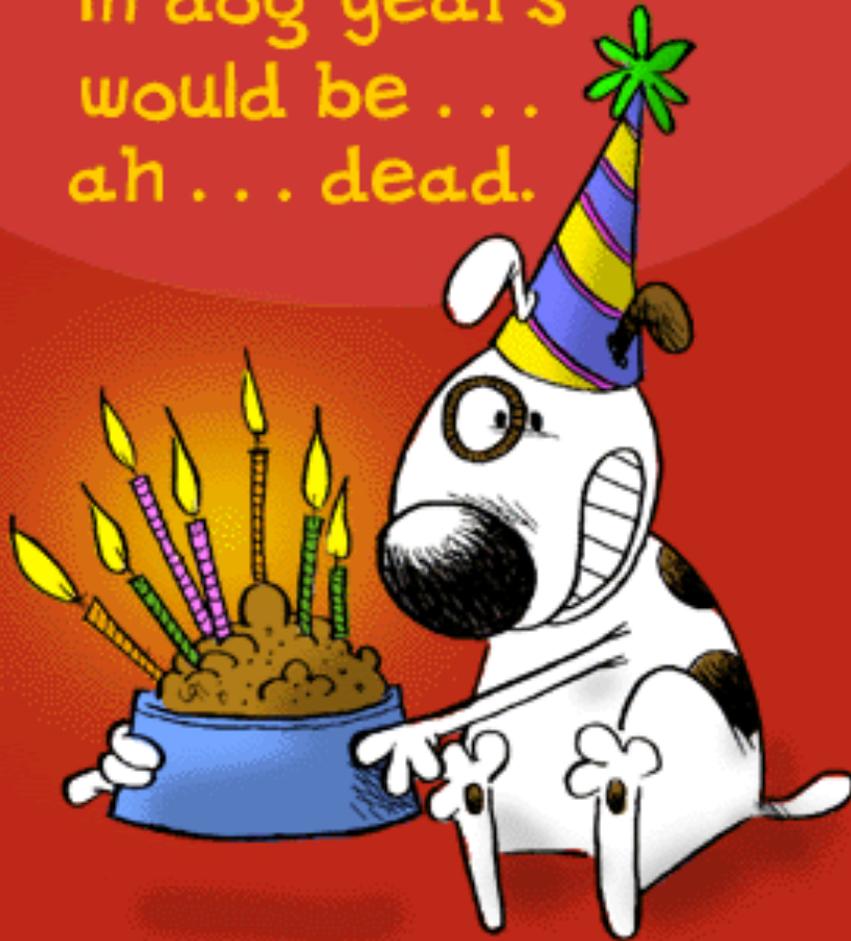
GARY PAULSEN
MY *in* LIFE
Dog Years



**Have you ever
heard of dog
years?**

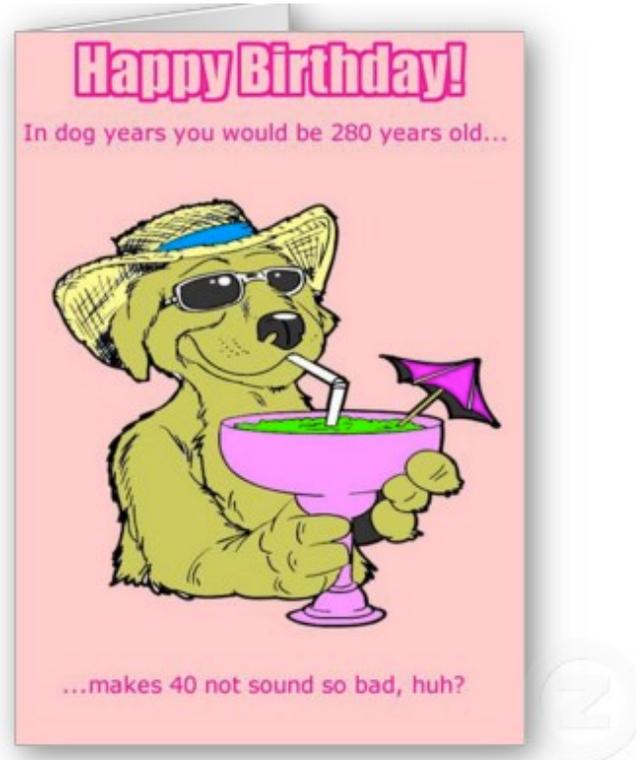
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Happy Birthday
to a person who
in dog years
would be ...
ah ... dead.



**This is an
example of a
funny way we
use dog years
to tease
someone about
their age.**

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These are two more examples of funny ways we use dog years. They also give clues about how many dog years are equal to a human year. Can you figure out how many?

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Seriously though, knowing the age of our pets relative to us gives us an idea of the type of care they need. I know baby horses walk at a day old and are done being a baby by one. Between birth and one, they are fragile, and they need their mothers care. Horses are ready to get their schooling starting at one, and they work hard and learn well through the age of three or four. Horses that start their training at four or five tend to be more difficult to work with. Horses can start having children of their own by the age of four. They are in the prime of their life from ages four to around twelve. Once a horse reaches twelve to fifteen they are getting old. Horses fifteen and older are like great grandmas and grandpas. They need special care and feed to help them stay in shape.

[Let's check out this link on calculating the age of your dog.](#)



We know that every year a dog lives is equal to seven human years. Choose an animal and figure out how many "___" years are equal to one human year.

Choose a new animal and figure out how old you would be in "_____" years if you were that animal.

Is there a pattern to finding "_____" years?

Could we write a formula to find it?

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Animal	Life Expectancy	"_____" Years
Human	84	1
Dog	12	7
Horse	21	
Fish	14	
Bird	4	
Snake	28	
Mouse	3	
Guinea Pig	6	
Cat	18	
Cow	15	
Lizard	30	

