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### Do Animals Have Feelings?

I think animals have feelings. Do you? When my dog, Solo, hears the doorbell ring she runs to the door in excitement. She greets the person happily with a sniff and snort. When you call her name she comes up and wags her long tail. When she hears something she looks around with her ears up in question. During a thunderstorm Solo always comes to find me or my mom. She is feeling scared.

My dog is always excited for something. One day when I was walking home from school she came up to the door and waited for me. She greets me with a giant, slobbery lick. When we leave the house she always comes up to the door to see if we are taking her out. She always wants attention. She always wants to be with you because she has a kind and loving heart.

She enjoys running freely in open fields. Every time my dad takes my dog to TSA, the glider port, she wants to go with him and run in the wide open field there. Whenever she hears the words, "Do you want to go to TSA?" she runs up to you wagging her tail and wiggling her body.

Whenever I say her name she wags her tail. When she wants something she sits down and looks at you with her big, black eyes. I tell you, every time I look into my dog's eyes I feel like she is telling me something. She wants attention, love, and care. She feels tired, happy, love, and sadness. She loves eating. She would rather eat than sleep. She comes up to you wagging her tail and nuzzles you.

Sometimes I can tell she feels guilty. She tries to get away with sleeping in my bed. Sometimes she comes out of my room with a guilty look on her face and her head is down. She knows it's wrong. My mom doesn't like it when my dog lies on the furniture because it sheds her fur everywhere. When we look in my bed we see that there is big, black hair!

I love my dog with all my heart and cherish every moment with her. If I had one minute to live I would spend it with my dog.