

## Dog Dreams

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Anna's dog, Jangles, was really weird. Whenever he was sleeping, he'd start kicking, and then he'd whimper. His feet would move like he was running. What exactly was he thinking about? She really wanted to know. If only there was a way to get in his dreams, but there wasn't, was there?



*Jangles sniffed the air; he caught a scent. He turned his head and perked his ears, listening for a particular sound. His hearing made it easy to hear insects chirruping in the weeds, the grasses blowing in the field, and leaves rustling in the wind. He was listening for the creeping of a rabbit in the grass, though, and they were much harder to hear.*

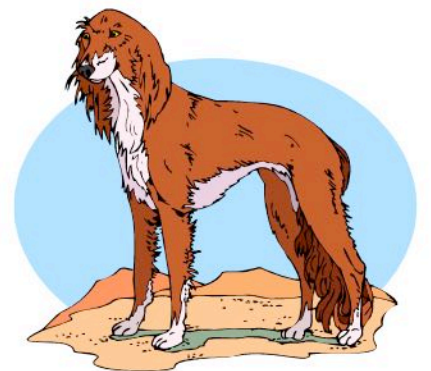
*This rabbit was smart. It was frozen in place somewhere, not daring to move. He could almost hear its heart pounding wildly in its chest. He sniffed the air again, lifted a paw, and took a cautious step in the direction he suspected the rabbit was hiding. Another step and another followed.*

*Something bolted out of the tall grasses just ahead of him, darting sideways and then zigzagging madly. His eyes, ears, nose, and the whole of his body suddenly focused on one thing. He tore after the rabbit, mouth suddenly dry with anticipation, heart racing with the thrill of the chase, and eyes narrowed in tunnel vision upon his prey.*

*He bounded over the grass, using the height of each leap to give him a better view of the small rabbit, which nearly disappeared in some of the taller grass. The rabbit darted to the side again, heading for trees. He dug in his paws and turned to follow, baying in joy of the chase. The rabbit was so close. In just a couple more steps, he'd have it!*

"Jangles, wake up!" Anna called, rubbing at his chest. She was petting him gently, but it was still startling to be shaken out of the dream, such a wonderful dream... "You were having a nightmare!" Anna said worriedly.

Jangles snorted. Nightmare? It was the best dream ever. The nightmare was the disappointment of being woken from it! Still, petting wasn't all that bad. He let Anna pet him for a while, and then he drifted back to sleep, hoping to see the rabbit again!



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  - C. What does Jangles do when she's at school?
  - D. She's not curious about anything.
  
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  - D. a rabbit
  
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  - B. scared and worried
  - C. tired and lazy
  - D. it doesn't really say
  
4. Why does Anna wake Jangles?
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  - B. She worries he is having a nightmare.
  - C. She is bored and wants to play.
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