

DOGS

A short historical background and extrapolated analysis

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Historical Background

DOGS, or Digital Organisms Generated for Sabotage, to give them their full name, are a race of synthetic beings forged in the depths of time for destructive purposes unknown. Now, I realise some of you may be quite shocked by this, but I can assure you it IS the truth, albeit unbelievable. You see, far from being the adorable furry friends we know them as today, they are in fact one of the greatest perils mankind has ever come across. From their biomechanical organ system to the digital thought patterns running through their brains, they are quite simply the ultimate killer. However, it has not always been so.

You see, the original design was lacking in many ways. Their operating system was full of bugs, and they were greatly lacking in size, being, on average, roughly 1.3cm long. These obvious faults were soon rectified, but it was many millennia before they became the zenith of destructive power they are today. Over the years, many variations on the original blueprint were tried – a razor sharp undercoat, two tails to increase stability, five eyes (all the better to see you with), six toes for superior grip, hydrogen sacs to enable a limited form of flight, webbed feet to increase underwater manoeuvrability, lavisersion for obvious reasons, and even a cutting form of sarcasm to induce fear in their foes.

However, the majority of these adaptations were phased out during a period of extensive beta testing that took place somewhere during the late Cretaceous era, and concluded with a final test that resulted in mass extinctions across the globe. Since then, the dog has opted for a more secretive approach, causing major disasters only when its true purpose is in danger of being revealed. It is for this reason that when many adult dogs sense impending peril, they will vibrate rapidly and produce a high-pitched bleeping sound, similar to that of a microwave oven – this serves to alert nearby allies to the danger at hand.

Their disguise has not been entirely successful though. Although people are often unaware to the true magnitude of the danger they are in, a recent YouGov survey named dogs named the number three threat to humanity today, being narrowly beaten by both Stephen Hawking and Sycamore Trees. Proof of their evil is plain to see when they are examined closely – Almost every breed of dog has a small skull-shaped mark on their skin directly between their front legs. This is a side effect of the genetic experimentation they carried out on themselves to remove their own appendices, in

order to prevent the risk of appendicitis at a crucial moment. The experiment was a partial success – although appendixless, they now have an uncontrollable lust for envelope glue, and a mysterious ‘third eyelid’, whose true purpose is unknown, though leading biologists suspect it grants the ability to cook baked beans using only their mind.

Analysis of current situation

Although little is currently known of their master plan, it is clear that at least part of it involves infiltrating human society. The first instance of what we would now foolishly call the ‘domesticated’ dog was discovered in what we now know as Chechnya, approximately 1.5 million years ago, and dogs have been an integral part of human society ever since, as they try to convince us all of their seeming goodwill and usefulness.

For the moment, then, these technological terrors are a positive addition to humanity. They are widely used in the construction industry in Japan, where they are not only used to transport various materials around the site, but are also excellent bricklayers. In addition to this, many prestigious families in modern Iceland have an Ógnvekjandi Hundur, or ‘Rich man’s Hound’, a remnant of the pagan Norse traditions, that they believe will chase away the spirits of deceased peasants.

The Swiss also have a special affinity for dogs - Switzerland has the second highest ratio of dog owners in the world, and the Swiss’ love of dogs is only surpassed by their love of delicious Swiss chocolate. Indeed, so close is this kinship that several breeds of dog have picked up some distinctly Swiss characteristics, including but not limited to, cheesemaking, yodelling, a canny grasp of economics, and the ability to make knives with any attachment you can imagine.

Extrapolation, and expectations for the future

So, for the present at least, humankind and dogs live in an uneasy sort of truce, with neither side wanting to make the first move. But trust me my friends, when that day comes...

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