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## Conclusion

1. Based on the presentations given, when was your animal domesticated in relation to the other animals researched by the class? Why do you suppose this is so?

Most of the small animals like dogs or goats, were domesticated first because they were easier to control. Unlike larger animals like cattle, and horses, because with the larger animals, they were harder to control and to train. The larger animals were more likely to cause destruction to houses or other structures. So until we learned how to build fences and or pens, we didn't have control over larger animals.

2. What adaptations have occurred in your animal through domestication?

Some adaptations that the dog has evolved into, is having a more flexible diet. Which means being able to eat more than just meat, basically a omnivorous diet. Another adaptation is canines not being as afraid of humans, and reaching out toward them by eating their scrap piles of food. The canines that were less afraid or not afraid at all were the ones who stayed domesticated.

3. How has the use of your animal changed over time?

Dogs have changed from hunters to companions to service dogs. Some people still use dogs to hunt but not as a straight source of hunting. Hunting dogs now don't necessarily take down an animal itself. They retrieve ducks that are shot and track down smells too. Companions now are basically pets, and most pets live indoors and are much more trained and obedient. There's a lot more rules for house pets now than what there used to be. Service dogs are something new that humans have come up with in the last hundred years. To help people with disabilities live a better, safer, healthier life than what the life they would be living without a service dog.

4. What was the most interesting historical fact you discovered about your animal?

The most interesting fact about my animal is how far back it has been alive or at least how long the dog's predecessors have been alive. From around the 180 and the Ice age. What also is really interesting is the dog's predecessors; just the way they look and the way they lived is really interesting.