

Re: When were dogs domesticated?

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Roger L. Bagula wrote:

- > *Suppose that you have an intense competition between three species:*
- > *1) Humans AMH*
- > *2) Wolves*
- > *3) Neanderthals*
- > *And two of the species begin to cooperate with one species as dominant:*
- > *Cooperation in hunting between men*
- > *and dogs is much more effective than men hunting alone.*
- > *It is a new technology and led to domestication*
- > *as a technology much later in time.*
- > *but it would have given men an advantage over Neanderthals.*
- > *The idea of dogs as just camp followers is completely out of character,*
- > *but "joining" a pack and being "submissive" to a leader isn't.*
- > *I asked a question here about social habits of wolves...*
- > *Nobody*
- > *paid much attention except a guy in my yahoo egroup.*
- > *His question brought on this line of thought, for which i'm very grateful.*

- > *Is there any evidence of Neanderthals associating with wolves/ dogs?*

You are way ahead of the evidence with this speculation. There is very little evidence of human remains from that long ago. There might have been a lot at one time but until relatively recently anything found was likely to have been given a decent burial.

Dogs are used in hunting only a very animals today. I presume there were more in the past but taking the dog along hunting isn't much in the literature. The wolf method of hunting is getting close and then running down the prey which isn't suited for working with men. Sure they can smell a deer but so can the deer who will bolt long before you get in spear range, rifle range for that matter.

I don't know of anything found which is a basis for making any speculation at all. The only clean connection we know from experience is dogs like to chew on bones and people don't. It could be as simple as wolves showing up for the bones that accounts for what has been found.

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One thing I have not come across is an assessment of how many words wolves and other non-domesticated varieties can understand, if any. If none at all then they are like cats which showed up in historic times in Egypt and would indicate dogs have been around people in a social setting much longer.

> *Matt Giwer wrote:*

>> *Roger L. Bagula wrote:*

>>> *I was wondering if there is any documentation of when*

>>> *dogs were first domesticated.*

>>> *I once read that dogs may have been the first animals domesticated by*

>>> *man.*

>> *There evidence is mixed. There is good evidence of close proximity*

>> *of dogs and men going back 30,000 years if I remember correctly. But*

>> *close proximity does not mean fido fetched sticks. And that is about*

>> *all that is known. We haven't found butchered dog bones nor a man and*

>> *his dog buried together.*

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If Bush and Buddies had spoken about Iraq under oath they would charged with perjury. So they only told lies which people will forgive as with Clinton. They lied. People died. That is felony murder.

-- The Iron Webmaster, 3184