

Breeder Tips from United All Breed Registry



Does your dog
have bad
breath? You
need this!



*Orapup tongue
brusher*

Cute video of
the day:



*Dog kisses laughing
baby*

Dog Kisses... is it puppylove?

Dogs lick each other for a variety of reasons, but **why** do they lick **us**? We'd like to think it is an expression of affection, but experts say otherwise.

Mama dogs lick their young to clean them, wake them out of post-partum stupor, and stimulate elimination. When they get to about 6 weeks of age, some pups will lick mom's lips to get her to regurgitate food for them. Not my idea of romantic. But you will see a lot of dogs licking human babies, probably out of a grooming instinct.

When adult dogs lick, it's mostly about expressing submission and deference. They may even lick as an attempt to appease another dog or a person who seems upset. This may be interpreted by some as "let's-make-up" kisses, but that's as close as we'll get to anything similar to human kissing. Or they may just find you to be salty or otherwise attractive.

Sensitive dogs, when under stress, will go lick crazy and groom themselves to the point of self-injury. An anti-compulsive medication may be necessary. Dominant dogs that just like to be the center of attention, will demand it by licking human faces; they love getting a rise out of the person.

Final word: Dogs are easily trained. So if you *like* kisses, reward your dog when he gives them unwittingly, and soon you will be covered in puppylove. Share with your puppy buyers!



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