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# CLANCY'S CLICHES

Let's talk. Not with words or woofs. Let's talk with signs. There is the language of flowers, there is the language of love, and there is the language of whatever. And we all know the adage, "actions speak louder than words."

I grew up with sign language - especially that look in my master's eye when I've chewed on another electric cord. There are so many little signs humans make to communicate with dogs and the goofy faces they make. It brings a snort and a smile to one's muzzle.



Some folks have a hard time putting thoughts into words and can much easier and more effectively present their thoughts through signs - a smile, a frown, a giggle, the nod of a head, the wagging of a tail. Sometimes you can just feel the energy - negative or positive - emitted through someone's body language.

What message are you sending through your language of signs and actions? Oops...time to go; my master's shaking the dog bowl full of food! Time to eat! My favorite sign language!

February is called the month of love. And whilst I heart-illy agree with that rufference, every month should be full of love. Meanwhile, I dug up some oldie but goodie musings from a few years ago when I tried my paw at some Valentine's prose and ponderings:



- \* Falling in love is so hard on the knees. (Especially when you have four of them)
- \* True love is when you put someone on a pedestal, and they fall - but you are there to catch them. (Like hopping out from Fr. Jim's car)
- \* What the world really needs is more love and less paper work. (There's so much here in the office- especially on my translator's desk)
- \* What a grand thing, to be loved! What a grander thing still, to love!
- \* All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. (Or dog treats!)



Roses are red, naps much beloved  
 Offer your heart, and praise God above.  
 Roses are red, dog bones are brown  
 Love makes the world, Go 'round and 'round.



**Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!**

## CLANCY'S CACKLES



Knock, Knock. Who's there? Pooch. Pooch who? Pooch your arms around me and give me a doggie hug!

What do you get when you make a dragon upset on Valentine's Day? **Heartburn!**

Why is Valentine's Day a really good day to celebrate?

**Because you can party heart - ty!**

What kind of flowers do I give on Valentine **Collie flowers!**