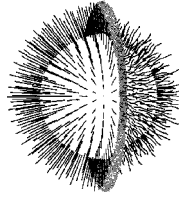


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HOW TO SPEAK
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IN 3 EASY WEEKS

HOW TO USE THE **W**  *himpernet*

NOTES ON WHIMPERNET SYSTEMS

**SYSTEM NAME
AND EXTENSION** **COMMAND TO
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ACCESSING OTHER WHIMPERNET SYSTEMS

Although we've covered the three main systems on the Whimpernet, you may find other systems coming and going when you do a #LS command. There's a lot of hot activity on the Whimpernet, and you just have to keep an eye out for it in order to catch it.

If you find a strange system connected, you may want to check it out. Use the #CT command to connect thru to the system (remembering to try and determine the three letter extension.) If you can get through, the first thing to do is to find a way to get a list of all the available commands on that system. You'll never know how to use a new system until you get a list of it's commands!

There's several obvious things to try to get this list: HELP, LIST COMMANDS, LIST, LC, ?, DISPLAY CMDS, etc. Try a few things and see if you can get the list of commands. If you discover what it is, you can capture a printed copy of these commands by following these steps:

1. Turn on the RIPterm printer capture...press ALT+P.
2. Reissue the command which caused the command list.
3. Turn off the RIPterm printer capture...press ALT+P.

If you're printer is turned on, you'll get a printed copy of the commands, and you can tuck them into this book as an addendum...or you can use the grid on page 26 to note the command which provides the list of commands, for future reference.

COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the wonderful and exciting world of the Dog language! You are about to embark on a voyage of canine thrills and excitement beyond anything you have heretofore imagined. Some cats think that dogs just sit and make unintelligible sounds - but it isn't true! Dogs have a rather convoluted, complex language, not entirely void of intelligence. If you apply yourself, and find a dog who is able to enunciate properly, you will soon find yourself understanding their strange, exotic and beneficial language.

HOW TO STUDY DOG

The basic, fundamental building block of the dog language are the rounds " r ", " u ", and " f ". They combine these sounds to produce the various "ruff" noises which comprise fifty percent of their language. Each combination of these sounds roughly translates to an understandable letter of our alphabet, and each letter terminates with the dog's favorite punctuation, " ! " Dogs terminate their words with a double exclamation, " !! "

Another major element of the dog language is barking. Barking is a particularly tough aspect to comprehend and translate. More on this later.

Dogs represent numbers either by pawing the ground (the dumber dog method) or by producing a series of yips and yaps (a big favorite of smaller dogs.) These yips and yaps can be combined to form a complete number, again terminated by an exclamation point (!)

When dealing with dogs, start with the chart on page 8. You may need to write down what the dog has said, and translate later. Soon you will find yourself translating as you read!

Be sure to complete the Exercises on pages 10 and 11, to help hone your ability to translate correctly.

Soon you'll be a dog pro!



RIN TIN TIN

The Rin Tin Tin system specializes in databases and queries. Once you get connected to RTT you can select a database, and run queries on the information in that database.

When you land in the RTT system, you'll see the "ENTER DB SELECTION:::" prompt. Here's the commands you can use in the RTT system. Most of the commands are simple words, and two of the commands require parameters.

RIN TIN TIN
COMMAND:

WHAT TO
ENTER:

SYNTAX with PARAMETER
(if required:)

LIST
DATABASES

LIST_DATABASES

This command will list the various databases which are available. You will need to select a database (see command below) before you can run any queries.

SELECT
DATABASE

SELECT_DATABASE

SELECT_DATABASE_DBNAME

Use this command to select a database. For the "DBNAME" use the database name as listed when you perform a LIST DATABASES.

LIST
QUERIES

LIST_QUERIES

The Barking Problem

While the "ruff" sounds are easily translated, dogs tend to shift to "bark" or a derivative thereof when it comes to nouns, especially proper nouns. Barks are particularly difficult to translate, and there is no definable chart that will allow you to translate their barks into real, understandable letters. You should take heart, however! There is an interesting phenomenon which occurs for cats when they learn dog; as time progresses, and they become better able to translate the "ruff" sounds, cats begin to slowly decipher the meaning of the barks - almost as though the real meaning of the letters begins to show through the barking sounds! This amazing (yet true!) phenomenon seems to occur automatically - but it does take some time. Generally, there is some improvement after one week of study - and dramatic improvements can be seen after three weeks. Cats have never been able to fully translate the barking noises, but after three weeks enough translation occurs that sense can be made of the barking.



You will be amazed and delighted when you first begin to understand the barking! Apply yourself to the study of Dog, and you will definitely be well rewarded, with hours of barking, ruffing and yapping!

The Astro system specializes in files available for download. All files in the Astro system are dog and cat related. When the dogs compile extensive hints on certain cat activities, they upload them here, along with utilities and programs which can aid in play. Many of the file directories won't be to a feline's taste, but some of them have good stuff you can use...or avoid, as the case may be.

When you land in the Astro system, you'll see the "FILE COMMAND?:::" prompt. Here's the commands you can use in the Astro system. Note that all of the commands begin with "AST/" and that "Jump to File Dir" is the only command which requires a parameter.

<u>ASTRO COMMAND:</u>	<u>WHAT TO ENTER:</u>	<u>SYNTAX with PARAMETER (if required:)</u>
LIST FILE DIRECTORIES	AST/LFD	

This command will list the various file directories which are available. You will need to "jump" (see command below) to one of these areas in order to view files you can download.

JUMP TO FILE DIRECTORY	AST/JFD	AST/JFD_DIRNAME
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DOG NUMBERING



YAP-1
YAP YAP-2
YAP YAP YAP-3
YAP YAP YAP YAP-4
YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP-5
YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP
YAP-6
YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP
YAP YAP-7
YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP
YAP YAP YAP-8
YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP
YAP YAP YAP YAP-9
YIP-10

Example:
YIP YIP YAP YAP YAP!
is 23.

LASSIE

The Lassie system specializes in communications between dogs. Because of this specialization, the Lassie system is the main system to connect to when you want to explore the Howlgroups, a collection of messages bases which allows dogs from all over to share views, comments and opinions on a variety of subjects.

The Lassie system prompt is "WHAT IS IT GIRL?:::" At this prompt you have a variety of commands you can enter, most with the goal of determining what Howlgroups are out there, and trying to read them.

You'll note that each Lassie command consists of a 9 letters, and that only the REAHWLGRP command requires a parameter.

<u>LASSIE</u>	<u>WHAT TO</u>	<u>SYNTAX with PARAMETER</u>
<u>COMMAND:</u>	<u>ENTER:</u>	<u>(if required:)</u>
LIST		
HOWLGROUPS	LSTHWLGRP	

This command will list all of the Howlgroups, and their associated "Howlcode." Note the Howlcode of the howlgroup you want to try and read.

Ri!!! Ruufff! Ro! Rrr! Rff! Re! R!!! Ruufff! Ruff! Re! R! Re!!! Rrrf! Ruff! Re!!! Rf! Ro! Rrr!
Re!!! Ri! Rfff!!!

Rrrf! R! Ry!!! Ro! Ruu! Rrrf! Ri! Ro! Rrr!!! YipYipYipYipYipYapYapYapYapYapYapYapYapYapYapYap!

1- I LIKE TO DIG
 2- I KNOW 2 OTHER CATS
 3- GO OVER TO THE BARK (?)
 4- I WONDER WHERE THE BONE IS
 5- TRY OPTION 57

WN COMMANDS

Dogs like to run...but to where? At this point, you're "logged in," but you aren't actually connected to one of the systems on the Whimpernet. You don't even know yet what systems there are, or how to reach them! Now that you're logged in, you have a variety of commands available to you. Type in one of these commands, using the proper syntax, and you're off and running. Whenever you login to the Whimpernet, or disconnect from a Whimpernet system, you will see the WN COMMAND:: prompt. Why don't you see it now? Well, you DO, it's just that it's in Dog language. We highly suggest issuing, as your first command, the #FT command, which will engage the Feline Translator. You can thereafter navigate using familiar cat letters. Note that all WN commands consist of three characters: the pound sign (#) followed by two letters. Only the #CT command requires an additional parameter. Throughout this book, a SPACE is indicated by the underscore character (_).

NAME OF COMMAND:	WHAT TO ENTER:	SYNTAX with PARAMETER (if required:)
FELINE TRANSLATOR	#FT	#FT

The Feline Translator command will cause all of the dog language commands appearing on the screen to be translated automatically to cat. You will therefore be able to read them much easier. There are no additional parameters after this command.

LIST SYSTEMS	#LS	#LS
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The List Systems command will show you which systems are connected to the Whimpernet right now, and their status. This is important to determine because some systems may not be accessible all of the time. A system listed as "CONNECTED" can be reached, while a system listed as "CONNECT PENDING" is temporarily down.

ABOUT THE WHIMPERNET

The Whimpernet is run by the dogs, and is actually a network of several different systems all tied together by some means which the dogs have concocted...which means it probably isn't efficient, easy, or sensible. Does that mean it isn't worth exploring? Hardly! The info in the Whimpernet is a valuable resource that no cat today can afford to overlook! You can find access to the Whimpernet at various locations. Whimpernet Terminals will allow you to connect through to the various systems connected to the Whimpernet, and do such things as transfer files, read dog databases, and scan dogs messages (called "Howl-groups.") Maybe someday there will be access to the Whimpernet through the F.I.S.H. system...who knows? Navigating the Whimpernet is a real bear, thanks to the nonsensical commands and interface the dogs have constructed. Luckily, you've decided to learn the Dog language, so you're already halfway there. Now comes the hard part...figuring out their various system commands. Once you master these commands you'll be able to prowl around and explore...something the popular press has begun to refer to as "slobbering on the Whimpernet."

