

Unemployed Scientists Prove Dog Likes Beer

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NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ—A team of three out-of-work biologists announced Monday that, after four weeks of rigorous observation and field testing, the evidence conclusively show that chief researcher Dr. Henry Rogers' dog Franklin likes beer.

“We're extremely pleased with the results of the experiment,” Rogers said. “It exceeded our highest expectations, and we're confident that our findings will have far-reaching implications for the coming weekend.”

According to the team's report Rogers, along with colleagues Dr. Tom McCarthy and Dr. Simon Huang, formulated a hypothesis that Franklin, a purebred boxer, would drink beer poured into his water dish.

After searching between the cushions of the sofa to secure funding for an initial test, the first round of experiments began in late February. Franklin was administered a sampling of six economy-priced beer brands in 12-ounce increments at the rate of one unit every 1.5 hours over several successive Saturdays. His tail-wagging, equilibrium, speed of consumption, and general playfulness were monitored throughout for variations from baseline norms.

McCarthy provided his Shar-Pei, Wrinkles, to serve as a control. Wrinkles was only given water to drink, though the team had to discard one set of data due to confounding variables when the control subject consumed 7.35 ounces of beer when the scientists weren't looking.

Despite this setback, Rogers said that the team's data revealed a consistent correlation between increased quantity of beer intake and erratic behaviour, though the intensity seemed to decrease with each subsequent day of testing.

A peer review conducted by recently laid-off Rutgers University chemist Dr. Harold Wilson, a respected associate of the three scientists, supports their findings.

“After carefully scrutinizing the data and witnessing a replication of the experiment at Dr. Rogers' house, I am confident that these findings are solid,” Wilson said. “That dog loves beer.”