

## Discussion Questions

### A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

1. Talk about how Bruce Cameron uses point of view to find both humor and pathos in his novel.
2. How well does the author mimic what a dog might be thinking? Does the premise feel believable?
3. Talk about Bailey's feelings toward the cat Smokey. Are you a cat or dog person—or both?
4. What is the problem with Todd, and why does his sister save Bailey? Why did Todd take Bailey in Chapter 9?
5. What gives humans purpose in life—and what does Bailey ultimately see as his purpose?
6. Are you a believer in reincarnation—for humans or pets?
7. Discuss sociopaths and their treatment of animals. Is Todd a sociopath?
8. Do dogs dream?
9. Bailey is reborn as a working dog. How do working dogs differ from typical pets?