



Humans and dogs to have CONVERSATIONS within a decade as technology developed

FOR those who ever wondered what would happen if dogs could talk, they may soon find out as 'pet translators' could be available in an little as a decade.

Pet translation device could be available 'within ten years'

An Amazon-commissioned 'Shop the Future' report claims the technology could hit the shops within 10 years and experts in the US are beginning to work on the machine to allow pooches to finally be able to answer the question 'who's a good boy?'.

The study, co-authored by futurologist William Higham of Next Big Thing, states the technology is a realistic prospect as the demand for pet-friendly products continues to grow.

Mr Higham said: "Innovative products that succeed are based around a genuine and major consumer needs.

"The amount of money now spent on pets – they are becoming fur babies to so many people – means there is huge consumer demand for this. Somebody is going to put this together."



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You'll be able to have a conversation with your cats and dogs within a decade



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"Yes, I am a good boy"

The report, which is in conjunction with the launch of Amazon's Shop The Future store, builds on a study from the Northern Arizona University, which used artificial intelligence to decipher the calls of prairie dogs and found that they have "a sophisticated communication system that has all the aspects of language".

Author Con Slobodchikoff told the Guardian: "They have words for different species of predator and can describe the colour of clothes of a human, or the coat of coyotes or dogs."

April Fools: Google launches Google Translate for Animals

He agreed that pet translators are not far off.

Mr Slobodchikoff added: "So many people would dearly love to talk to their dog or cat – or at least find out what they are trying to communicate.

"A lot of people talk to their dogs and share their innermost secrets.



The product could come within a decade

"With cats, I'm not sure what they'd have to say. A lot of times it might just be 'you idiot, just feed me and leave me alone.'"

However, Juliane Kaminski, a psychologist from Portsmouth University who analyses interactions between dogs and humans, does not believe that it is a realistic prospect.