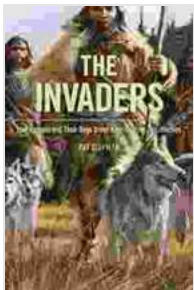


# How Humans And Their Dogs Drove Neanderthals To Extinction

Dogs may have played a crucial role in the extinction of Neanderthals, new research suggests.



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A study published in the journal *Science* found that dogs were able to outcompete Neanderthals for food and resources, leading to their eventual demise.

The study's authors analyzed the remains of dogs and Neanderthals from archaeological sites across Europe.

They found that dogs were first introduced to Europe by humans around 15,000 years ago.

Within a few thousand years, dogs had become widespread throughout the continent.

The authors of the study believe that dogs were able to outcompete Neanderthals for food and resources because they were more efficient hunters.

Dogs are able to track prey more effectively than humans, and they are also better at killing large animals.

In addition, dogs are more cooperative than humans, which gives them an advantage in hunting.

The authors of the study believe that the of dogs to Europe gave humans a significant advantage over Neanderthals.

This advantage may have been enough to tip the balance in favor of humans and lead to the extinction of Neanderthals.

The study's findings provide new insights into the relationship between humans and dogs.

They also shed light on the factors that may have contributed to the extinction of Neanderthals.

## **The Role of Dogs in Human Evolution**

Dogs have played a significant role in human evolution.

They were first domesticated by humans around 15,000 years ago, and they have been our companions ever since.

Dogs have helped humans to hunt, protect themselves, and travel.

They have also been used for companionship and therapy.

The relationship between humans and dogs is one of the most enduring and successful partnerships in the animal kingdom.

Dogs have played a vital role in human history, and they continue to be an important part of our lives today.

## **The Extinction of Neanderthals**

Neanderthals were a species of human that lived in Europe and Asia from around 200,000 to 40,000 years ago.

They were closely related to modern humans, but they had a number of distinct physical and behavioral characteristics.

Neanderthals were larger and more muscular than modern humans, and they had larger brains.

They were also more skilled at hunting and tool-making than modern humans.

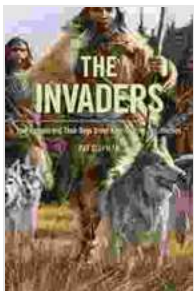
However, Neanderthals eventually went extinct, and modern humans became the dominant species on Earth.

The reasons for the extinction of Neanderthals are not fully understood, but it is thought that a number of factors may have contributed, including climate change, competition from modern humans, and disease.

The new study suggests that dogs may have played a role in the extinction of Neanderthals by outcompeting them for food and resources.

This is a new and controversial theory, but it is one that is supported by the evidence.

If the theory is correct, it would mean that dogs played a significant role in shaping human history.



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