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**IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

Rain patters gently on the cloudy window of my dimly lit bedroom. I watch as the droplets slide down the glass, feeling incredibly bored on this rainy day. As I listlessly scroll through my Instagram feed, liking and sharing random posts, my gorgeous golden retriever, Sheeba, bounds into my room, barking happily. She runs around the room, yipping at me, pulling at my covers, and repeatedly trying to hop onto the bed but always falling back to the floor.

As I watch her continue her playful and annoying antics around the room, I wonder what she’s thinking. If I could invent something new, it would be a revolutionary device that would allow me to have meaningful conversations with my beloved dog. Just imagine talking to your pet beyond gestures, commands, and cues. The possibilities would be endless, from understanding their simple needs to knowing how they view the world.

It would be in the form of a simple, wearable accessory, such as a watch or a necklace for humans and a stylish collar for pets. It would translate the barks, meows, and squawks into clear words and turn human speech into sounds the pets can comprehend. The device would eliminate any need for a microchip to be implanted into both owners and animals’ brains or skulls.

Beyond just the simple conversations, imagine the insight our pets could give us. They may possess perspectives on this world that nobody could even begin to ponder. The knowledge they could share with us about even the tinniest of things could be mind-blowing. They could even function as therapists for the owners, giving support and advice for free and making us see situations in a new light.

The ability for humans to communicate with pet will deepen bonds like never before. One could learn all about their dog’s deepest secrets, funny quirks, and unique personality and pets could express their needs and feelings without barriers.

An unpleasant smell startles me from my daydream. Jerking upright, I turn my head in the direction of the smell and meet a puddle of urine and a sheepish Sheeba gazing at me guiltily. I shake myself and think, “The device would also be great for your pet to tell you when they need to go.” I sigh and smile at my pup, gazing at me with her innocent eyes as I get some paper towels and bleach.