

Kinship

You must be kidding!

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Bud, the smartest dog ever, knows so many words it is amazing and he understood perfectly what his owner, Gerri Weaver, of the Weaver Ranch in Wisdom, Mont., was asking: “Lay down next to the calf...closer...closer.”

Without the ability to speak, he used what he had to relay his thoughts—a side-glance and a raised eyebrow. Ludicrous, he did as she asked because he respected her request. ■

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