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A US study reveals among people aged 45 to 54, one in nine shows signs of hearing impairment. In general, one in seven has lost some degree of hearing.

A study by University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison has found that, among the participants, hearing loss affected 6% of those between the ages of 35 and 44, nearly 11% of adults aged 45 to 54, and more than 25% of adults aged 55 to 64. Among those 65 and older, the prevalence is 40%. Almost all of those older than 80 - about 90% - had lost some hearing.

"Hearing loss may not be an inevitable part of aging, and our findings, which are in line with other studies, point to the possibility that if we live healthier-lifestyles, lifestyles that can reduce our chance of cardiovascular disease for example, we may also be able to prevent or delay hearing loss," said lead researcher Scott D. Nash of University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison.

Scott D. Nash and his colleagues analyzed the data collected as part of the Beaver Dam Offspring Study, an epidemiological study of aging. The study included 3,285 participants ranging in age from 21 to 84 years, with an average age of 49. The researchers evaluated hearing impairment as a puretone average greater than 25 decibels hearing level in either ear. They also measured word recognition at different sound levels with male and female voices.

The report was published in the online edition of the Archives of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery.

Sources: www.reuters.com; www.businessweek.com and www.eurekalert.org and www.hear-it.org



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Dog Training Tips

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Halloween Candy & Other Treats

Remember that human treats are not usually good for dogs! Candy - especially chocolate - can be extremely toxic to your dog. Artificially sweetened candy, gum and other goodies may also contain xylitol, a highly toxic substance. Dogs may also ingest food wrappers, causing a risk of choking, upset stomach or gastrointestinal blockage.

Various party snacks can be too salty and may contain ingredients that can poison your dog. Alcoholic beverages and dogs do not mix - they pose a significant risk of severe illness or even death! Keep all of these "human goodies" far out

of your dog's reach. If you are not positive that you can keep your dog away from these hazards, then consider confining your pet to another area of your home during the festivities. Keeping appropriate dog treats around for your dog can be a great idea, but remember not to overfeed.

Sliced carrots or apples (hold the caramel) can be tasty and healthy snack alternatives

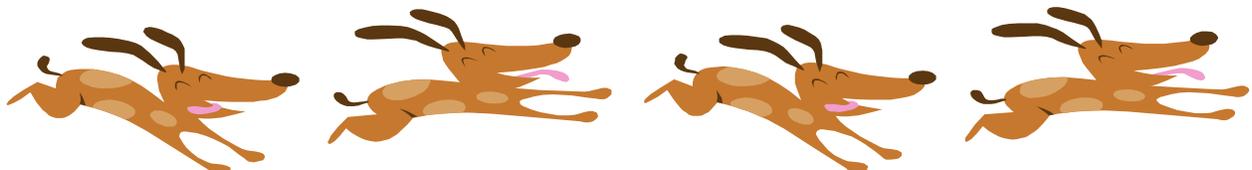
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Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, "You've got a heart murmur; be careful."

TEST YOUR HEARING ONLINE

Some websites, especially those operated by hearing aid manufacturers, offer free online hearing tests.

So why would anyone test their hearing by themselves? Some people may suspect they have a hearing loss, but do not feel ready for an audiologist. An online test can help confirm their initial suspicions. The Web is also helpful for people who live far from an audiologist.

Many hearing aid manufacturers offer a way for potential customers to test their hearing via their website. For example, Phonak offers a test that measures your ability to hear in the presence of noise.

Another hearing aid company, [Siemens](#), offers a test that asks you to pick a word out from background noise. And the test from [Starkey](#) lets you listen to tones at different frequencies

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

When you communicate with a hard of hearing person, you have to follow a few simple rules to maximize the communication. If you follow the guidelines below, you can improve communication to the advantage of both you and the hearing impaired person.

- ◆ Get the person's attention
- ◆ The hard of hearing person must be able to see you. Look at each other. Do not overemphasize facial expressions or lip movements
- ◆ Talk face to face
- ◆ Do not chew food or chewing gum or smoke
- ◆ Speak clearly and at a moderate pace
- ◆ Do not cover your mouth
- ◆ Speak one person at a time
- ◆ Avoid noisy background situations
- ◆ Rephrase to avoid misunderstandings and situations where you are misunderstood.
- ◆ Be patient and relaxed.
- ◆ If you are in doubt, ask the hard of hearing person for ways to improve communication.

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