Isle of Dogs: The scientific fact-check
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Isle of Dogs: The exiled dogs live on garbage

Science: Recapitulates a prominent theory of domestication
Isle of Dogs: Warring between dog people and cat people for millennia

Science: Likely true
Isle of Dogs: Dogs talk

Science: Nope (not like that, anyhow)
Isle of Dogs: Dogs don’t understand our language but still largely get us

Science: More or less true
Isle of Dogs: Dogs are named Rex, Sport, Chief, etc

Science: Rarely
Isle of Dogs: “We’re a pack of scary, indestructible alpha dogs”

Science: The “alpha dog” notion is false
Isle of Dogs: “He’s a 12 year old boy. Dogs love those.”

Science: Possibly, but:
Isle of Dogs: Dogs use their eyes meaningfully

Science: No white sclera; they are more olfactory than visual
**Isle of Dogs:** Dogs can sniff out that a robot dog is not a dog

**Science:** Dogs can sniff out that a robot dog is not a dog
Isle of Dogs: Dogs walk like humans

Science: Dog gait is more disorderly: LR-LF-RR-RF
Isle of Dogs: Oracle can see the future (or at least the TV)

Science: Brachycephalic dogs like pugs have good central vision
Isle of Dogs: The dogs are gorgeous and deeply cool

Science: Dogs are gorgeous and deeply cool