I got a dog for my birthday. His name is Champ. He is cute! He is fluffy. He is very friendly. He has a cute little button nose. Champ's nose is always wet. It is always cold. I wonder why?

My dad also said that dogs can’t sweat through their skin like we do. That’s because they are covered with fur. Instead, their body heat goes out through their nose and mouth. That makes the nose and mouth stay wet. Also, dogs have a good sense of smell. When their noses are wet, they pick up scents more easily. They can smell things better than we can.

I look at my dog, Champ. He’s pretty awesome, wet nose and all!
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   c. Dogs are too big to sweat.
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   happy   sad      proud
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