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Dog-days! It is not a recent notion that the warm, sultry days between July 27 and August 11 are called "dog-days." The idea dates back to classical mythology. The Romans called this hottest part of the year an equivalent of "dog-days," but it was so-called by them as it was associated with that part of the year when Sirius, the dog-star, rose and set with the sun. The Greeks and Babylonians had a similar custom, and was probably copied by the Romans. So, "dog-days" refers to a certain behavior of Sirius, the brightest star of the sky, rather than to the behavior of our canine friends.
