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What Does That Mean?

Idioms and Other Expressions

"Should You Clone Your Pet?"

Here are three expressions in the article that you might be unfamiliar with:

"But cloning has a **dark side.**" (p. 28)

- ▶ A dark side is a bad side—a bad aspect or part of someone or something. ("*Dark side*" also appears on the cover of this issue of Scope.)

"Many clones had to be **put down.**" (p. 28)

- ▶ "Put down" is an expression people often use to mean "kill" when they are talking about killing an animal, particularly when the animal is sick or injured and it is put to death in order to end its suffering. (Note that people do not use the phrase "put down" when talking about humans.)

"Why not adopt one of these pets instead of **forking over** the tens of thousands of dollars it can cost to clone one animal?" (p. 29)

- ▶ To fork something over is to reluctantly give it to someone. "Fork over" is often used to refer to giving money, but it can be used to refer to giving anything. If your sister demands that you give her your fork during dinner, she wants you to fork over your fork!