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Dogs

Dogs have lived with people as a pet for longer than any other animal. Today, more households in the United States own dogs than any other pet. How much do you know about this popular animal? Set off on a webquest to learn about dogs and find out!

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Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about dogs, you can start by searching the key word "Dog."

Write the answers on the lines provided or below the question.

1. Dog breeders have developed about _____ dog breeds.
2. The smallest breed of dog is the _____.
3. The heaviest dogs are _____ and _____.

The tallest dogs are the _____ and the _____.

4. _____ were developed to keep sheep and cattle from straying and to protect livestock from predators.

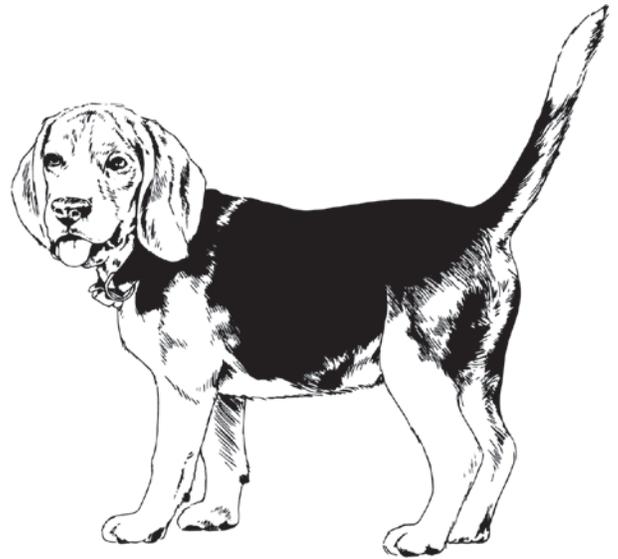


5. Puppies cannot see until their eyelids open about _____ days after birth.

6. Dogs have an average of _____ bones.

7. According to the American Kennel Club (AKC), what are the 7 major groups of dog breeds

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____



8. Many puppies reach their adult height by _____ of age.

9. A dog's color vision is mainly limited to shades of _____ and perhaps _____.

10. Dogs learn most quickly if given _____ instead of _____.

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True or False

Write "True" if the statement about dogs is correct. If the statement is not correct, write "False" and correct the statement in the space below.

_____ 11. Dogs have lived with people as a pet for about 500 years.

_____ 12. In general, small breeds of dogs live longer than large ones.

_____ 13. A dog's most highly developed senses are those of smell and hearing.

_____ 14. A dog lets you know it is hungry when it assumes a posture called the play bow.

_____ 15. Adult dogs need only one meal a day, but many dogs prefer two smaller meals.

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16. What are some things that you can do to avoid dog bites when you are near a strange dog?
17. What is a purebred dog?
18. What were terriers originally developed to do?
19. What are some ways that dogs assist disabled people?
20. What are some common signs of illness in dogs?



Purebred Dogs

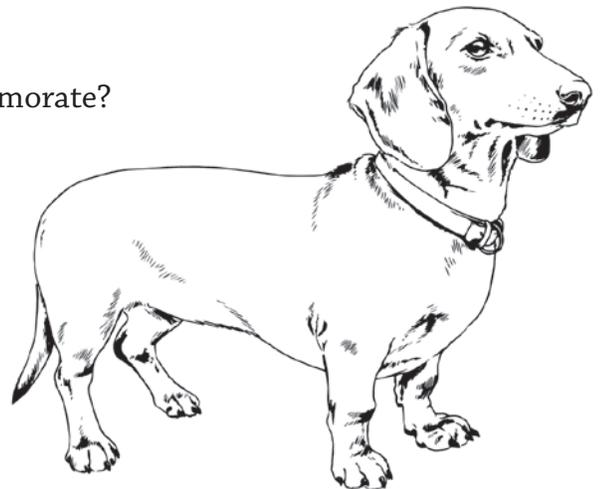
In the space provided, answer the questions about different dog breeds. (Hint: For this question see the "Breeds of purebred dogs" table in the "Dog" article.)

21. The golden retriever is in which American Kennel Club (AKC) group?
22. Which dog breed originated in the Middle East about 7000 B.C.?
23. Where did the poodle originate?
24. What is the average weight (in pounds) of a Saint Bernard?
25. Where did the pug originate?
26. The French bulldog is in which American Kennel Club (AKC) group?
27. Where did the greyhound originate?

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28. About how old are Dalmatians when their spots appear? (Hint: For this question see the “Dalmatian” article.)
29. Since about A.D. 1000, what have Cardigan Welsh corgis been used for? (Hint: For this question see the “Cardigan Welsh corgi” article.)
30. Basenjis are the only dogs that cannot bark. What kind of sound do they make instead? (Hint: For this question see the “Basenji” article.)
31. What are guide dogs? (Hint: For this question see the “Guide dog” article.)
32. How did the Australian shepherd get its name if it was developed in the United States? (Hint: For this question see the “Australian shepherd” article.)
33. At one time, who were the only people in China who could own the Pekingese? (Hint: For this question see the “Pekingese” article.)
34. What were dachshunds originally trained to do? (Hint: For this question see the “Dachshund” article.)
35. What 1925 event does the Iditarod sled dog race commemorate? (Hint: For this question see the “Iditarod” article.)



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Teacher Page

Answers

1. Dog breeders have developed about 400 dog breeds.
2. The smallest breed of dog is the Chihuahua.
3. The heaviest dogs are mastiffs and St. Bernards. The tallest dogs are the Irish wolfhound and the Great Dane.
4. Herding dogs were developed to keep sheep and cattle from straying and to protect livestock from predators.
5. Puppies cannot see until their eyelids open about 10 to 15 days after birth.
6. Dogs have an average of 320 bones.
7. sporting dogs
hounds
working dogs
terriers
toy dogs
nonsporting dogs
herding dogs
8. Many puppies reach their adult height by 6 months of age.
9. A dog's color vision is mainly limited to shades of grey and perhaps blue.
10. Dogs learn most quickly if given rewards instead of punishment.
11. False. Dogs have lived with people as a pet for over 10,000 years.
12. True.
13. True.
14. False. A dog invites another dog to play by assuming a posture called the play bow.
15. True.
16. When near a strange dog you can (1) not stare directly into the dog's eyes, (2) keep your arms down, and (3) slowly back away to avoid dog bites.
17. A purebred is a dog whose father and mother belong to the same breed and whose ancestors were purebred from the time the breed was recognized.
18. Terriers were originally developed to dig into the earth to pursue prey.
19. Dogs assist disabled people by guiding the blind and serving as "ears" for the deaf. In addition, dogs lift the spirits of patients in hospitals and nursing homes.
20. Common signs of illness in dogs include a change in behavior, a change in appetite, and fever.
21. Sporting group

22. Saluki
23. Germany
24. 140-200 pounds
25. China
26. Nonsporting group
27. Egypt
28. Dalmatians are about 3 or 4 weeks old when their spots appear.
29. Since about A.D. 1000, Cardigan Welsh corgis have been used to herd cattle.
30. Instead of barking, basenjis making a yodeling sound.
31. Guide dogs are dogs specially trained to guide people who are blind or people who have visual impairment.
32. The Australian shepherd got its name because many sheepherders who came to the United States from Australia in the late 1800's used similar dogs to herd their flocks.
33. At one time, only people of royal blood could own a Pekingese.
34. Dachshunds were originally trained to hunt badgers.
35. The Iditarod sled dog race commemorates an emergency rescue mission by dog sled to get medical supplies to Nome, Alaska, during a diphtheria outbreak in 1925.