



Dogs Through the Ages

Dogs Through the Ages teaches about some of the many popular breeds of dogs throughout history.

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. The direct ancestor of the dog is the ...
 - a. Brown bear
 - b. Gray wolf
 - c. Chihuahua
 - d. Coyote
2. Most dogs do not look like wolves because dogs have ...
 - a. Never looked like wolves
 - b. Shapeshifting powers
 - c. Many different ancestors
 - d. Slowly changed
3. The very first dogs were all probably ...
 - a. Hunters
 - b. Herders
 - c. Watchdogs
 - d. Friends
4. The American foxhound was bred to ...
 - a. Hunt foxes
 - b. Do tricks
 - c. Pull sleds
 - d. Swim
5. What is the largest dog in the Toy Group?
6. The komondor is one of the oldest dog breeds in Europe. Which country is it from?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. 15,000 years ago, people did not live in towns or cities. | _____ 4. The Great Dane was first bred in Denmark to hunt deer. |
| _____ 2. Scientists have discovered that small dogs don't come from wolves. | _____ 5. The black Russian terrier is one of the newest dog breeds. |
| _____ 3. People have been breeding dogs for thousands of years. | _____ 6. Affenpinscher's German name means ferocious beast. |

ANSWERS

- 1. b. Gray wolf.** According to section "The First Dogs" on page 17, we know that "The gray wolf is the direct ancestor of the dog, and the first 'dogs' were really wolves." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. d. Slowly changed.** According to section "From a Wolf to a Lap Dog" on page 20, we know that "Most dogs do not look like wolves because dogs have slowly changed during many thousands of years." So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. a. Hunters.** According to section "Old Breeds of Dogs" on page 25, we know that "Although the very first dogs were probably all hunters, there was soon a need for other kinds of dogs." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. a. Hunt foxes.** According to section "Breeds of Dogs" on page 33, we know that "American foxhound was bred to hunt foxes and is not often kept as a pet." So, the correct answer is A.
5. According to page 51, the pug is the largest dog in the Toy Group.
6. According to page 46, the komondor is from Hungary.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "The First Dogs" on page 17, we know that "By about 15,000 years ago, there were small groups of people living in most parts of the world. These people did not live in towns or cities. They lived out in the open, in little huts, or in tents, or sometimes in caves." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "The First Dogs" on page 19, we know that "Scientists have discovered that all small dogs have a mutation (change) in the exact same gene (the part of a cell that determines what characteristics a living thing inherits from its parents). The scientists think that when wolves first began to approach people, the few who had this mutation were probably less threatening to people because they were smaller." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "Old Breeds of Dogs" on page 22, we know that "People have been breeding different kinds of dogs for thousands of years." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section "'New' Breeds of Dogs" on page 28, we know that "About 400 years ago, the Germans developed the Great Dane ... to hunt wild boars, one of the most savage animals in Europe. Why we call this dog a Great Dane is something of a mystery. After all, the Great Dane comes from Germany, not Denmark." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "'New' Breeds of Dogs" on page 31, we know that "The Black Russian terrier is one of the newest dog breeds. It was only developed after World War II (1939-1945)." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section "Breeds of Dogs" on page 32, we know that "Affenpinscher . . . is a small, lively bundle of energy. It has a stiff, wiry, shaggy coat. Its German name means *monkey terrier*." So, the correct answer is False.