

# Fun Dog Facts

Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates

It is said that Greyhounds are the fastest dog. With speeds of up to 45 miles per hour (for short distances), Greyhounds are also the most ancient dog breed.

Most dogs' eyes reflect color in the dark. The most common color is green, although some eyes reflect orange or red.



Dogs have a keen sense of smell, using their noses about a million times more efficiently than we use ours. This means that Rover will smell each individual ingredient in a meal while we might only smell the meal itself.

Dogs can only produce about ten vocal sounds. That's almost as bad as your CD player stuck in monotone. No wonder the dogs never have much to say. We won't get into the many levels that cats can whine on.

Dogs and cats eat about \$7 billion worth of pet food each year. And guess who gets to pay for it? I think the animals have it down on how to live a good life.

*Dalmatians don't have spots when they are born. They are simply white.*

A female carries her young about 60 days before the puppies are born.

The common belief that dogs are color blind is false. Dogs can see color but it is not as vivid a color scheme as we see. It is much like our vision at twilight.

**A dog's heart beats between 70 and 120 times a minute,**

**compared with a human heart which beats 70 to 80 times a minute.**



Smartest dogs: 1) border collie; 2) poodle; 3) golden retriever

The United States and France have the most pet dogs. Almost one in three families in these countries own a dog.

What countries have the least amount of pet dogs? Germany and Switzerland only have one dog for every ten families. They need more dogs!

Dogs dream. If you look at your dog while it's sleeping, sometimes you'll see its eyes move and twitch under its eyelids. Humans do this too, and we definitely dream. So researchers are almost positive that dogs have dreams too. But guess what? No one knows what dogs dream about.

Dogs can also hear a lot better than us. They hear high-pitched sounds (like some insects make), that we cannot even detect.

**The bloodhound is the only animal whose evidence is admissible in an American court.**



Saint Bernards were trained to rescue lost travelers in the Swiss Alps.

Boxers are named for their playful habit of using their front paws in frolic.

Newfoundland dogs have webbed feet, making them strong and agile swimmers.

## **THE EARLIEST "FOSSIL" FINDS OF DOGS DATE BACK TO 10,000 BC**

**The Basenji doesn't bark.**

Chow Chows have bluish black tongues and gums (which start out pink but turn dark by eight weeks).



Bassetts can't swim. Their legs are too short to keep their heavy, long bodies afloat.

The tallest dogs are the Great Dane and the Irish wolfhound. The largest Great Dane stood at 103cm and an Irish wolfhound 100cm.

The worlds heaviest as well as longest dog ever recorded is believed to be an Old English Mastiff named Zorba. In 1989, Zorba weighed 343 lbs and was 8 feet 3 inches long from nose to tail!

The smallest dogs are the Chihuahua, the Yorkshire Terrier and the Toy Poodle.  
A Yorkie once weighed in at only 283.5g.

Q: What dog breed has the biggest ears?     A: In 2004, a Basset hound named Jack, from Fulda, Germany, holds the record for the longest ears, measuring 33.2 cm or just over a remarkable 13 inches.

Q: What's the world's slowest dog breed?     A: The chances are slim that anyone has tested the slower breeds to see which takes the most time to cover a set distance. Logic suggests that shorter-legged, heavier dogs would be among the slowest dogs. These might very well include the Basset Hound or Dachshund.



**Dogs have 42 teeth.**

**The old rule -- multiplying a dog's age by 7 to find the equivalent human age -- is fallacious. A dog is able to reproduce at 1 year and has reached full growth by 2 years. To calculate a dog's age in human terms, count the first year at 15, the second year as 10, and each year after that as 5.**