

# Dogs Trivia Questions and Answers

- 1. What dog breed is the most common dog mascot used in college sports?**  
Bulldog. The bulldog is the third most common mascot, after the eagle and tiger, with 39 colleges and universities using the bulldog for their sports teams. **Uga** of the University of Georgia is the most famous bulldog mascot. Can you think of other teams who use the bulldog? (Gonzaga's Spike, Louisiana Tech's Tech, Yale's Handsome Dan, etc.)
- 2. What New England terrier is one of the few breeds to originate in the United States?**  
**Boston Terrier.** The breed originated around 1870, and is nicknamed the "American Gentleman." Why do you think they are called this? (For one reason, their "tuxedo like" coat.)
- 3. Pal was the first collie to play what celebrity dog?**  
Lassie. Ten generations of male collies have played Lassie since Pal's premiere in 1943's **Lassie Come Home**. All of the collies to play Lassie have been male, although Lassie's character is female, because a male's coat is thicker and better looking on film.
- 4. What Soviet spacecraft was the space dog Laika on when she became the first animal to orbit the Earth on November 3, 1957?**  
Sputnik 2. **Laika**, whose name means "Barker" in Russian, was sadly the first animal to die in orbit, as well. Laika died from stress and overheating around 6 hours into the flight. What do you think about putting dogs in space?
- 5. How many permanent teeth does a typical adult dog have?**  
42. An adult dog has 4 canine teeth, 10 molars, 12 incisors, and 16 premolars.
- 6. What U.S. organization has kept records of the breeding of over 21 million dogs?**  
**American Kennel Club.** The first dog registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC) was an English Setter named

Adonis in 1884.

7. **What was the name of Sam Walton's beloved hunting dog, now found on Wal-Mart's private-label dog food?**

Ol' Roy. Created in 1983, Ol' Roy dog food has surpassed Purina to become the top-selling dog food in the U.S.

8. **A bull terrier named Stubby helped in the battles at Chateau Thierry, the Marne, and the Meuse-Argonne in what war?**

WWI. **Stubby** trained for combat at Yale University, and went on to serve in 4 offensives and 17 battles. Stubby became the most decorated war dog of WWI and was also promoted to sergeant.

9. **By registered ownership, what type of retriever is the most popular breed in the U.S., Canada, and the UK?**

**Labrador Retriever**. Originating from Canada, labs are commonly used as assistance dogs, and also have a reputation as a great family pet due to their even temperament and easy obedience training. Have you ever been around a Labrador? Why do you think they are the most popular?

10. **Like other running animals, many dogs lack what bone, also called the clavicle?**

Collarbone

11. **What cartoon bloodhound has appeared in advertisements for the National Crime Prevention Council, telling viewers to "take a bite out of crime"?**

McGruff the Crime Dog. **McGruff**, who debuted in 1980, was created through the Ad Council to build crime awareness among children.

12. **Despite its name, the Great Dane originated in what country?**

Germany

13. **What African dog, although barkless, does make a sound resembling a yodel?**

**Basenji**. The hunting dog of central Africa has an unusual

- shaped larynx, which gives it a yodel instead of a bark. What do you think of a barkless dog?
14. **What cowboy actor/singer owned a German Shepherd named Bullet the Wonder Dog?**  
Roy Rogers
  15. **In what 1955 Disney classic does a cocker spaniel find romance with a mutt from the wrong side of the tracks?**  
*Lady and the Tramp*. Do you remember the famous spaghetti scene?
  16. **What Russian physiologist famously conditioned dogs to salivate every time a bell rang?**  
**Pavlov**. Ivan Pavlov's classical conditioning studies from the early 1900s are also commonly called Pavlovian conditioning.
  17. **What breed of dog was Waldi, the first official mascot for the Olympics who appeared at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich?**  
Dachshund. The dachshund is a popular breed of dog from Germany.
  18. **The series of oil paintings called *Dogs Playing Poker* was originally used to advertise what kind of product?**  
Cigars. Artist C.M. Coolidge was commissioned by Brown & Bigelow to advertise cigars through a series of 16 oil paintings, beginning in 1903. The **paintings** were used on promotional products such as posters and calendars.
  19. **What classic name for a dog comes from the Latin word for "faithful"?**  
Fido
  20. **What Tibetan dog was introduced to America as a gift from Thubten Gyatso, 13th Dalai Lama?**  
**Lhasa Apso**. One of the oldest dog breeds, the Lhasa Apso was bred by Tibetan monks as a watchdog in Buddhist monasteries.
  21. **What cartoon dog appeared in 1930 as Minnie Mouse's**

dog, Rover, but became Mickey's dog the following year?  
Pluto

22. **Caroline Kennedy's White House dog Pushinka was a gift from what Soviet leader?**

**Nikita Khrushchev**. Premier Khrushchev gave the dog to Caroline Kennedy in 1961. Pushinka ("Fluffy" in Russian) was the pup of Strelka, a Russian space dog. Pushinka and another Kennedy dog named Charlie had 4 pups, which JFK jokingly called "pupniks." Do you remember the "pupniks"?

23. **According to legend, what deep-fried cornmeal side dish was named for its ability to quiet hungry dogs?**

Hushpuppies

24. **Canis Major and Canis Minor are constellations that represent two of the dogs following what great hunter of Greek mythology?**

Orion. Canis Major, meaning "greater dog" in Latin, contains **Sirius**, the Dog Star. The brightest star in the night sky, Sirius is recognized as Canis Major's nose.

25. **Rescued from an animal shelter, Higgins, a shaggy golden mutt, played the title role of what 1974 film?**

**Benji**. There have been 8 *Benji* movies since 1974. A new *Benji* movie is rumored to release sometime in 2011.

26. **According to a proverb, what will happen if you lie down with dogs?**

"You will get up with fleas."

27. **What islands, about 100 miles north of Scotland, are famous for their ponies and sheepdogs?**

Shetland Islands. The **Shetland Sheepdog**, a herding dog, is commonly referred to as a "Sheltie," and is often used for protecting sheep. The Sheltie is similar to the Rough Collie, although smaller.

28. **What fictional dog is based on Charles Schulz's childhood dog named Spike?**

Snoopy. Charlie Brown's eccentric beagle made his first

appearance in the comic strip *Peanuts* on October 4, 1950.

29. **Unlike most dogs, the Afghan hound hunts by what sense?**  
Sight

30. **What breed of dog was Rin Tin Tin, the great movie star of the 1920s and '30s?**

German Shepherd. The original **Rin Tin Tin** made 26 movies from 1918 to 1932. At the peak of his popularity, he received 10,000 fan letters a week. The current Rin Tin Tin is 10th in line from the original. Did you ever watch Rin Tin Tin movies?