

THE BEST DOGS

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Introduction

This book represents the culminating activity of an inquiry based research project that integrates technology with literacy and science. Every child participated in the process of posing questions and researching material. Children learned the value of reading for information from books and web sites and working together in groups. They also learned important nonfiction skills such as organizing information into chapters, illustrating text with diagrams, defining new vocabulary words in a glossary and referencing materials.

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And finally, I would like to dedicate this edition to the memory of my Maman, who passed away just 3 weeks ago. It is an honor for me to see young children able to research a topic using the internet resources they learned in my class. Today I hope my mother is as proud of me as I am of your children and the impressive quality of their work.

Nancy K. Shaw
Technology Teacher

What does a dog look like?



Dogs are mammals. Some dogs are very small like a Chihuahua that weighs only about 10 pounds and some dogs are very big like the English mastiff that weighs usually 250 pounds. Dogs have fur that can be brown or white or black. They have 2 eyes, a nose, high ears and sharp teeth. Dogs have a very good sense of smell.

Christopher

Different Types of Dogs



There are a lot of dog **breeds**. Some dogs do not have any fur at all like the bulldog and the Dalmatian. Some dogs are huge like the Irish Wolfhound and the Saint Bernard. Some dogs are tiny like the Yorkie and the Maltese. Some dogs have a lot of curly fur, like poodles. They need a lot of grooming.

This picture shows a dingo that lives in Australia.

Ayush and Aaron

Dogs That Live in a Family



It's a lot of work to take care of a dog. Number 1: you need to clean your dog. Number 2: you have to feed your dog at least twice a day. Number 3: you have to walk your dog 3 or 4 times a day. Number 4: you have to play with your dog and take him to the park so he can run.

Trinity and Noemi

Dogs and Shelters

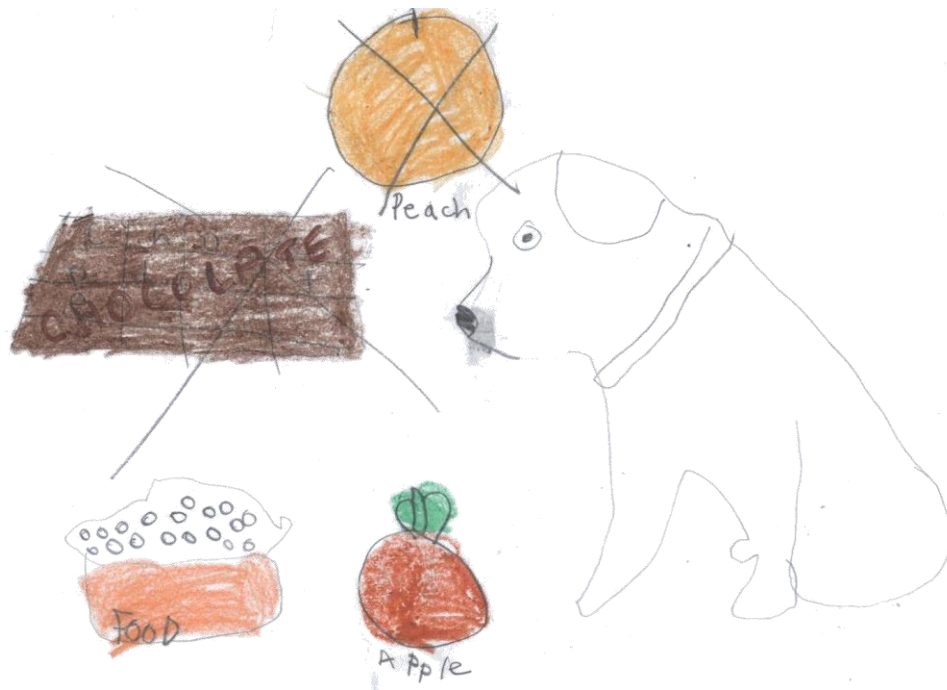


Some people adopt a dog from a shelter. Before you can take a dog home you have to sign papers to make sure you get the one you want and to promise you will take good care of him. Sometimes when you adopt a dog from a shelter he might be sick.

Some shelters kill dogs if they can't find a good owner. But there is a shelter around here called the North Shore Animal League that promises to keep trying until they find a good home. That's why you should always adopt a dog from a shelter.

Jessenia and Michelle

What do dogs eat?



Dogs eat meat. They are **carnivores**. But they can also eat fruits like apples but they can't eat peaches.

I had a dog once and his name was Clifford. One day when I came home from school, he was lying on the floor. My sister gave him chocolate and he died after eating it.

Carlos and Cathri

How do dogs protect themselves?



Dogs protect themselves by growling and barking. They also bite. They run away.

Damien C. and Jeremiah

Life Cycle



A female dog gives birth to her newborn babies. The puppies drink their Mommy's milk. The Mommy dog is pregnant for about 2 months. This time is called **gestation**.

Makaila and Layan

How do puppies learn tricks?



Puppies learn tricks that their owner teaches them. People use special hand signals to train their dogs.

Melissa and Namsu

Grooming a Dog



To clean a dog you need special dog shampoo, water and a BIG towel. Some groomers use hair dryers. This picture shows a bulldog with curlers at the beauty salon.

You can see the real picture here:



http://www.aqueductah.com/site/view/178027_Grooming.pml

Makayla and Brittney

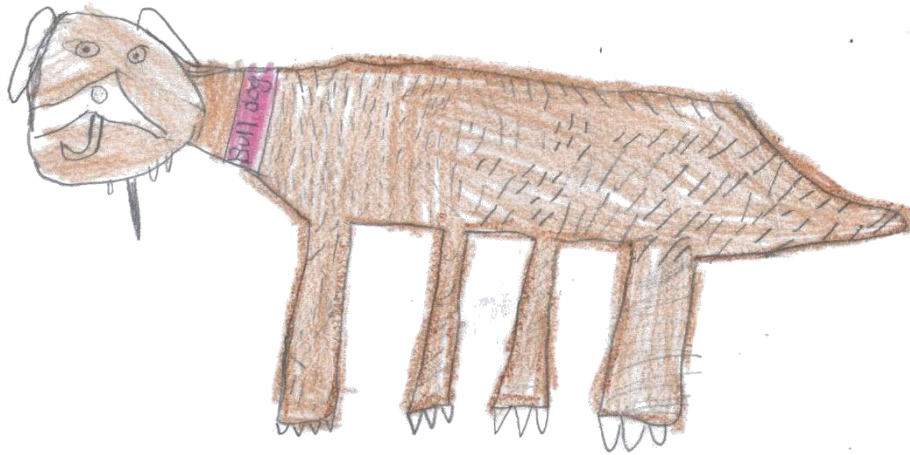
The Westminster Dog Show



The Westminster Dog Show is about different **pedigrees** competing to see what dog is more beautiful and elegant. The winner is called Best in Show and receives a silver cup and a ribbon.

Hailey and Maria

Why do dogs drool?



Dogs drool when they are hot. Dogs drool because they are mad. Dogs drool because they walk in the sun. And sometimes dogs drool when they start getting sick. You know they are drooling when a lot of **saliva** comes out of their mouth.

Crisiany and Elisa

How do dogs get sick?



Sometimes a dog gets sick. If you leave a dog outside on a rainy day it will get wet and cold and sick. Sometimes a dog catches fleas.

Another way dogs get sick is from eating the wrong thing. Beef bones are good. But they will choke if you give them a chicken bone. Dogs like treats but you can't give them chocolate. Chocolate can kill a dog, for real. It's better to give them toys instead.

Jayleen and Kritika

How fast do dogs run?



Usually dogs run up to about 19 miles per hour. Greyhound dogs are the fastest dog in the world. They can run up to 42 miles per hour, as fast as a car!

Did you ever ride a Greyhound bus?

Prajnyique and Ibelia

Dogs and People



Seeing-eye dog

Some dogs become service dogs by going to a special school. They learn how to help people. Some dogs help police find clues. Some dogs help blind people get around. And other dogs help nervous people stay calm.

Beatriz and Katherine

The Alaska Dog Races

What is the **Iditarod**?

It's a special dog race.

When is this race?

Every year in March.

How far do the dogs have to run?

The race starts in Anchorage and ends in Nome. That's about 1,100 miles.

How long does it take?

A champion **musher** can finish the race in ten days. But usually it takes longer.

What is a musher?

A musher is the person who drives the sled.

How many dogs pull each sled?

Between 12 and 16 dogs.

What kinds of dogs run the race?

The best dogs that run in this race are dogs that like being outside in the cold, like the Eskimo dog or the Alaskan malamute.

Damian T. and Aasiah

Interesting Facts

- There are 157 breeds of dogs
- Dogs can't sweat because they do not have pores
- Dogs pant with their tongue
- Puppies lick their mother to get her to give them some food she started eating. Just like baby food!



The Iditarod

Glossary

Breed

Dogs that are the same type

Carnivore

Meat eater.

Gestation

Amount of time a female dog is pregnant

Iditarod

The Alaskan Dog Race

Musher

The person who is leading the sled in the Iditarod

Muzzle

1. The snout (nose and mouth of a dog)
2. Something to cover the snout so the dog won't bite

Pedigree

The paper that names the parents of the dog so people can know exactly its breed.

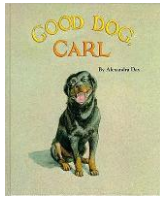
Saliva

Water in the mouth that helps digest food

Snout

The nose and mouth of a dog

Books and Websites



Good Dog Carl

By Alexandra Day

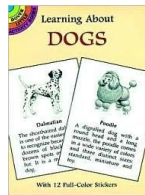
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Dogs

by Lewis Blacwell

Abrams Publisher (2010)



Learning about Dogs

By John Green

Dover Publications

Britannica

<http://school.eb.com/>

Bunk Blog

<http://bunkblog.net/foods-safe-for0dogs>

Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/dog/index.shtml>

The Iditarod

<http://iditarod.com/>

PebbleGo

<http://www.pebblego.com/login.php>

Sybil's Den

<http://www.sybilsden.com/caresheet/dogs2.htm>

Westminster Dog Kennel and Show

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2013/show/info.html>

Wikipedia

<http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog>

About the Authors

We are Class 2-303. We are writers. We are authors. We are illustrators, But first we were researchers. We had many questions. We wanted to know if dogs are born with fur or without fur, why people think dogs make the best pet and what makes dogs the best animal. We learned a lot and hope you enjoy reading our book.

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