

# Dogs

The dog is one of the most popular pets in the world. It is thought that dogs have been pets for thousands of years. Dogs are often called Man's Best Friend. This is because dogs help man out in so many ways.



## 1. For how long have humans kept dogs as pets?

Five years.

Thousands of years.

Hundreds of years.

Millions of years.

## 2. Why are dogs often called "Man's Best Friend"?

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## Types and Breeds of Dogs

There are lots of breeds and types of dogs. Dogs come in all different shapes and sizes. Different breeds look different, but most dogs have large teeth, can run fast and jump, have strong muscles and a strong sense of smell.

Some breeds make very good working dogs. Jobs that dogs perform include hunting, police work, rescue work, and guide dogs for the blind. Because dogs are clever and willing to be trained, they make great companions and work animals.

### 3. What do most breeds of dogs have?

Tick **2** things.

Large teeth \_\_\_\_\_

Two tails \_\_\_\_\_

Strong muscles \_\_\_\_\_

A strong

sense of smell \_\_\_\_\_

Tiny eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Three toes \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. What kinds of jobs can dogs perform? Name 2.

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### Smelling and Hearing

Dogs have very good senses. They have an excellent sense of smell which has made dogs good at tracking and finding things. They also have very sensitive hearing and can hear sounds that are much higher than humans can hear. Their great hearing makes them good guard dogs.



## 5. Which sense makes dogs good at finding things?

Sense of taste.

Sense of sight.

Sense of smell.

Sense of hearing.

## 6. Finish the sentence below:

Dogs have great hearing which makes them good

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## Interesting Facts About Dogs

- A dog can smell about 100,000 times better than a human.
- Chocolate can make dogs very ill.
- Dogs hear around ten times better than the average human.
- Smaller dog breeds usually live longer than big dog breeds.
- Dogs can see in the dark.
- Dogs can only sweat through the pads of their feet.

## 7. Which breeds of dog usually live longer?

Smaller breeds.

Larger breeds.

Thinner breeds.

Fatter breeds.

**8. Read the sentences below and mark whether you think they are true or false.**

	✓ True	✓ False
Chocolate is good for dogs.		
Dogs have a strong sense of smell.		
Dogs can see in the dark		
Dogs cannot sweat.		



Carefully copy the picture of the dog on the left.