

Different Dog Breeds

There are over 150 Breeds. My favourite breeds are: Golden Retriever, Jack Russell, German shepherd, Bernese mountain dog, Huskies and Pomeranian. We have a Golden retriever called Lily and a black and tan Jack Russell called Minnie at home.

Fun Facts

Dogs have been with us for over 9,000 years! Scientists say that the first domesticated dog was in China. Dogs can learn more than 1,000 words! The majority of a dog's sweat glands are between the pads on its paws. This is why they love to run into the pool on a hot day. When a dogs tail is wagging, it usually means they are happy.

Sight, Smell and Hearing

It was thought that dogs were colour blind but infact they can see yellows, browns and blues. Dogs can smell about 100,000 times better than a human! Sniffer dogs are used to sniff out drugs or bombs. Their sense of smell can also be used in hunting mice. Dogs can hear about ten times better than humans. This makes them very useful as a guard dog barking to warn of intruders. Their ears have twice as many muscles as humans.

Caring for dogs

Feeding

Dogs are omnivores, which means they feed on a number of different foods including grains, vegetables and meats. These are all found in the dog nuts that we feed them. It is very important not to give dogs chocolate as it is like poison to them. Dogs need plenty of water to drink.

Brushing

When you brush your dog, you're actually massaging their skin and it helps improve the way their blood flows around their body. It also removes the dead, itchy and loose hair in their coat and keeps it smooth and tangle free. It's also a great way to check for fleas.

Exercise

Dogs love going on walks. You should bring them one or two times a day. Just like us, dogs don't want to exercise after they've just eaten. If they still have lots of energy after their walk, they love to play games like fetch.

Grooming and trips to the Vet

Once or twice a year you can bring your dog to a groomer. They will bath your dog, clip their nails and brush and clip hair as needed. They will need to visit the vet once a year for their vaccine injection. You will also need to get regular worm and flea tablets from your vet.