

DOG TRIVIA

- Pharaoh Hounds are the only dogs that blush. They do this when they are excited or happy; and their ears, nose and eyes become pink.
- The Maui Grown Market is a convenience store in Hawaii. Tourists and locals can stop in for souvenirs, food, drink, and suntan lotion. They can also borrow one of the store's eleven dogs for the day.
- Bulldog puppies are delivered by caesarean section because of their large heads.
- Don't smile at any dog that you feel may be dangerous. To him, you would be baring your teeth as a sign of aggression.
- The Great Pyrenees dogs are so sensitive to anesthesia that it can kill them. Great caution is required for any surgery for this breed.
- A dog bite is less likely to cause infection than a human bite, although most little humans don't need to be quarantined for rabies.
- Dalmatians, with all those cute black spots, are born white.
- The Basenji doesn't bark.
- Chow Chows have bluish black tongues and gums (which start out pink but turn dark by eight weeks).
- Newfoundlands have webbed feet, making them great swimmers and divers.
- Bassets can't swim. Their legs are too short to keep their heavy, long bodies afloat.
- Dogs should never eat chocolate. Just a small amount can kill them.
- The Afghan Hound is mentioned in writings as far back as 4000 B.C., and its name can be translated as "baboon" or "monkey-faced hound." Despite the unflattering name, he was a favorite of royalty.
- The gigantic Irish Wolfhound is so strong that he can pick up a Mastiff or Bulldog. When he was pitted against either in a fight, he would pick his opponent up by the back and simply shake him to death.
- Rhodesian Ridgebacks have an actual ridge along the top of their backs, which is made up of forward-growing hairs.
- The Saluki is represented in Sumarian carvings dated back to 7000 B.C. It is said that "Whenever one sees the word 'dog' in the Bible it means the Saluki."
- The Boxer was so named for his manner of fighting - which is that he starts a fight with his front paws like a human boxer.

