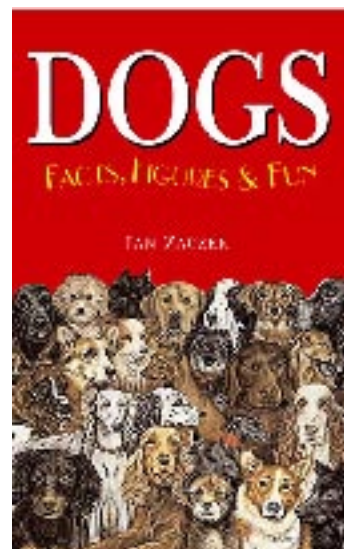


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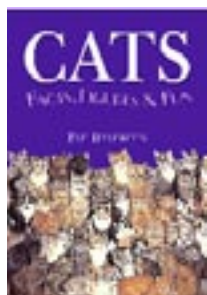
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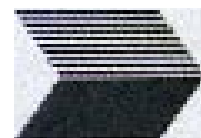


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DOGS

Introduction

A brief introduction to the zoological background. The distinction between dogs, wolves, jackals, and foxes. The domestication of dogs. Dogs in the ancient world

Religious/Mythological/Superstition

This will include canine gods (e.g. Anubis), as well as dogs that appear in classical mythology (Cerberus, Argus, Diana's hounds). Images of dogs were used as guardian spirits in ancient China. African Kozo dogs (two-headed dogs). Dog-headed people were mentioned in early travellers' tales. The Roman superstition about 'dog days' (hence Dog Day Afternoon). Dog saliva as a plague cure (the links with St. Roch)

Hunting/Sporting

Hunting through the ages. The different types of dogs that have been used. Hunting by sight or smell. The sporting element will mainly be on greyhound racing. I'll include some statistics on the career of 'Mick the Miller' and, if desired, an American equivalent. Sledge-racing with huskies.

The development of breeds/Dog Shows

The growing specialisation and standardisation of breeds, which leads to the establishment of dog shows. I'd include a list of all the breeds that competed at the last Cruft's, divided into their respective groups, along with a league table of the breeds that have won Cruft's most often (or, if preferred, a chronological list of Cruft's winners - though I doubt if there would be room for all of them). I'll also give the origins of unusual breed names (e.g. Dandie Dinmont)

Working Dogs

Dogs have been used for a wide variety of tasks, e.g. sheepdogs, police dogs, sniffer dogs, guide dogs, rescue dogs (Saint Bernard), haulage work, regimental dogs, cosmonauts

Famous Dogs & Owners

e.g. Charles II and his spaniels, Walter Scott, the Queen's corgis, Elizabeth Barratt Browning (& the 'dog-nappers'), Greyfriars Bobby, the Revd. Jack Russell, Barbara Bush (& the book 'written' by her dog Millie)

Fictitious Dogs

Mostly dogs from films and books, e.g. Pluto, Lassie, Gromit, K9, Rin Tin Tin, Bonzo, Hound of the Baskervilles, Pete the Pup, 101 Dalmatians, etc.