

Doggie Fun Facts



Test Your Doggie Knowledge.

1. Dogs were first domesticated from wolves at least 6,000 years ago. ☐ True ☐ False
2. As of 2008 there were approximately 72,000,000 dogs currently living in the U.S. ☐ True ☐ False
3. The longest-lived dog with reliable documentation died at 21 in 1939. ☐ True ☐ False
4. The average size dog requires about 30 calories per pound of body weight per day. ☐ True ☐ False
5. Basenji is a breed of dog from the Congo that doesn't bark. ☐ True ☐ False
6. Most popular male dog name in the U.S. is Jake. ☐ True ☐ False
7. Most popular female dog name is Maggie. ☐ True ☐ False
8. Dogs' teeth should be cleaned with a pet toothpaste at least once per week. ☐ True ☐ False
9. Thirty-nine percent of U.S. households own at least one dog. ☐ True ☐ False
10. The most popular breed in the U.S. is Golden Retriever. ☐ True ☐ False
11. The longest ears on a dog measured 9 ½ inches. ☐ True ☐ False
12. The largest litter delivered 19 puppies. ☐ True ☐ False
13. The oldest American breed is the American Foxhound. ☐ True ☐ False
14. The canine nose works 1 million times more efficiently than the human nose. ☐ True ☐ False
15. Dogs often hesitate before venturing into the rain because they dislike getting wet. ☐ True ☐ False

- Answers:
1. False. 17,000 years ago not 6,000.
 2. True.
 3. False. An Australian Cattle dog named "Bluey" lived to the age of 29 years and 5 months.
 4. True.
 5. True. The Basenji doesn't bark, but it does make a yodel-like sound.
 7. True.
 8. False. At least twice a week is recommended.
 9. True.
 10. False. Labrador Retriever is the most popular.
 11. True. His name was Mr. Jeffries and his ears measured 1 ½ inches which he often tripped over. Mr. Jeffries was a grandson of Biggles the Basset Hound, the famous icon of Hush Puppies shoes.
 12. False. Tia, a two-year-old Neapolitan Mastiff delivered the largest litter. She gave birth to 24 puppies by caesarean section in 2005.
 13. True. The breed dates back to 1650.
 14. True. But that's true only for smells that are of doggie importance — like steaks and bacon. The fragrance of flowers, on the other hand, registers only faintly.
 15. False. The rain amplifies sound and hurts their sensitive ears.

