

# Fun Facts: Dogs

**Did you know there are about 340 different types of dog in the world? Here are some fun facts about a few popular dog breeds!**

## Golden Retriever

- Originated in England
- Was used by hunters to catch and bring back waterfowl like ducks
- Today they make popular search and rescue and guide dogs
- Golden retrievers love the water
- They are one of the most common breed of dog in America



## Dachshund

- Originated in Germany
- Used to go into badger and hare dens for hunters
- Dachshund means “Badger Hound”
- They have three coat types: smooth, long haired, or wirehaired
- The Dachshund is Queen Victoria’s favorite breed



## Pug

- Originated in China
- Probably the oldest breed of dog, may have been around since 400 BC
- Pugs sleep an average of 14 hours a day
- Originally bred to sit in the laps of emperors
- In the 16th century, Prince William of Orange was saved by his pug when the dog barked and alerted Prince William when troops invaded his camp



## Chihuahua

- Originated in Mexico
- The smallest breed of dog in the world
- Can live up to 18 years
- Get along very well with cats
- Chihuahuas used to be bigger and shrunk over time



## Newfoundland

- Originated in Canada
- Love swimming; actually have webbed feet
- Great water rescue dogs; have saved countless people from drowning
- They can weigh up to 150 pounds
- They are great dogs for children

