

## **Fun and interesting facts (About dog breeds)**

### **1. Which was the oldest domesticated dog breed?**

The [Saluki](#) is believed to be one of the oldest dog breeds, routinely called the royal dog of Egypt. It is believed to be the oldest domesticated breed, domesticated around 7000 years ago. The [Greenland sled dog](#) is another breed which is thought to have been around 9,500 years ago.

### **2. Why do dogs have an undeveloped sense of taste?**

Dogs have a limited sense of taste because they have fewer taste receptors compared to humans. Dogs possess about 1,700 taste buds, while humans possess 9,000. Another reason is the evolutionary history of dogs, as they are descendants of wolves. Wolves ate only meat, so they did not require well-developed taste buds. Historically, they lived mainly in the wild alongside other animals; to avoid competition, they would rapidly swallow their food without much chewing.

### **3. Why is dogs' hearing ability so much higher compared with that of humans?**

Dog ear anatomy is different from humans'. They have 18 or more muscles in their outer ears, allowing them to move their ears in different directions. In humans, there are six muscles in each outer ear. Dogs are able to hear in a range of 45,000 to 60,000 Hz, while humans can hear up to 20,000 Hz.

### **4. Which is the heaviest dog breed?**

[English Mastiffs](#) are considered as one of the heaviest breeds, with males weighing about 160 to 230 pounds and females weighing about 120 to 170 pounds. [The Saint Bernard](#) is another breed with a weight of about 120 to 180 pounds. The Japanese Mastiff breed, which originated in Japan, has an average weight of about 100 – 200 pounds.

### **5. Do you know the tallest dog breed?**

The Great Dane is believed to be the tallest breed, with males' height about 76 to 86 cm and females' height about 71 to 81 cm. [The Irish wolfhound](#) is another tall breed, with males' height measuring around 81 to 86 cm, while females' height measures around 76 to 81 cm.

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