



# PRESS FACTS

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## FASCINATING FACTS

- The first dog ever to have dined in the House of Commons was a Chihuahua and he wore a diamond collar for the occasion
- The Basenji is the only breed that doesn't bark
- The Greyhound is the fastest dog on earth and can run at up to 45mph. The Greyhound is the 18<sup>th</sup> fastest mammal
- Newfoundlands have webbed feet, making them great swimmers and divers
- The Labrador Retriever is still the most popular breed in the UK and the USA. It has been the most popular breed in the UK since 1989
- Dogs have a sense of smell that is up to 30 times better than humans!
- Weimaraner puppies are born with stripes
- Dalmatian puppies are born without spots
- Chow Chows have bluish black tongues and gums, which start pink but turn dark by eight weeks
- The fastest time for a dog to weave between 60 poles is 12.3 seconds by Juice, a Border Collie from Texas, USA
- Only 36 Glen of Imaal Terriers and 37 Skye Terriers were registered with the Kennel Club in 2007. These breeds are some of the most vulnerable facing the risk of extinction



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