

FAMOUS DOGS

Everyone loves dogs. We love watching them in films and reading about them in books. Here are some dogs that are famous all over the world. Do you know why they are famous?



Greyfriars Bobby

Bobby was a real dog. He lived in the 1850s in Edinburgh, in Scotland. His story is very sad. Bobby's owner was John Gray and for two years they went everywhere together. In 1858 Gray died. For the next fourteen years Bobby sat on his grave. He only left for his food or when it got very cold in the winter. Today there is a statue of the little dog near John Gray's grave.



Laika

A lot of people know about this dog, but they don't know her name. In 1957 Laika went 2,000 miles into space. Russian scientists found Laika in the streets in Moscow. She didn't have a home. They trained her to travel into space. Sadly, Laika died. But we learned a lot about space travel because of this dog.



Lassie

Lassie is probably the most famous dog in film. There are more than ten films and many TV series about her. Lassie is beautiful and clever. She always helps her owners when they're in trouble. The first Lassie film was in 1943 but they are still making Lassie films today. Of course, it's not the same dog actor! A dog called Pal played Lassie in the first film. Many dogs from Pal's family are in later films.



Gromit

Gromit is one of the world's funniest dogs. Gromit can't talk but he's very clever. He's good at inventing machines. He does a lot of exciting things with his owner, Wallace. Gromit is one of the best-loved stars in the UK today.



Can you think of a famous dog in your country? Why is it famous?



What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.
real grave statue space scientist travel (n/v) TV series