



## Doggy details - Did you know?

You can keep your furry friend in top condition with a yearly checkup at your vet. You should also take dogs to the vet if they are vomiting a lot, coughing, sleeping all the time or not eating.

The average dog lives 8 to 15 years.

**FEELING HUNGRY?** Puppies have different eating habits to older dogs. They need to eat 4 times a day until they are 3 months old, 3 times daily until they're 6 months old and then twice a day once they're fully grown.

Dogs have twice as many muscles for moving their ears as people.

The tallest dogs are the Great Dane and the Irish Wolfhound.

**KEEP MOVING** - Dogs love to run around. Walking, fetching balls and playing frisbee are all fun things that you can do with your dog.

**WHAT TIME IS IT?** Dogs have great 'internal clocks', they know when it's time for you to arrive home, feed them, or go to bed.

**THAT'S COOL!** A dog's nose is not just used for smelling, but also to keep them cool. That's why a dog pants. The longer the dog's nose, the better its 'cooling system' works.

Dogs have a wonderful sense of smell. They have many more sensory 'smelling' cells than us.

Staring directly into the eyes of a strange dog can make them think that you're challenging them and they can react by biting.

Puppies should stay with their mum until they are at least eight weeks old. This is so they can learn lots of dog things like not to bite, and how to get along with other dogs.

A puppy's eyes do not open until it is 10 to 15 days old. Its vision is usually not complete until it is about four weeks old.

You might not think so, but like you, dogs need their teeth brushed. If your dog has bad breath, you may need to take it to the vet.

**BE CAREFUL** - Never approach a dog that you don't know. Only ever pet a dog that is with its owner and make sure you ask the owner's permission first.

