Dogs *(canis familiaris)*

Have you ever wondered about dogs? If you have, read on to find out more. Dogs are very interesting animals, and this report will tell you about their diet, appearance, about working dogs and some fun facts. I think dogs are very cuddly and cute and it is nice to have a dog to come home to after a long day at home or at school.

**Diet**

Dogs’ food is given to them from their owners. They have a strong jaw and sharp teeth which helps them to eat and chew hard food. Dogs will eat leftover meats and vegetables as well as special food for dogs. They also like bones which can keep them quiet and entertained. You can get different varieties of food and treats such as gravy or bacon.

**Appearance**

Dogs come in all different shapes and sizes depending on the breed (type) of dog. There are more than 150 breeds of dogs. Most dogs have two layers of fur – a soft undercoat and a rough top-coat. Nearly all dogs have pink tongues when they are healthy. The exceptions are the Chow Chow and the Sharpei which have black tongues.

**Working Dogs**

Dogs have a great sense of smell and are very intelligent. This allows them to work and help humans. Huskies can be trained to pull sleds, Border Collies (or sheepdogs) are trained to round up farm animals. Workings dogs can help people such as guide dogs or therapy dogs.

**Fun Facts**

- A dog’s sense of smell is 100,000 times better than a humans.
- Dogs sweat through their paws
- Dogs are the most popular pet in England
- The most common breed of dog in England is the Labrador

**Conclusion**

Dogs are interesting and clever creatures and lots of people enjoy their company. They need lots of love and care, but if you are kind to your dog, he will be your friend for life.