

# MAGIC TREE HOUSE FACT TRACKER

## DOG HEROES



Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Dog Heroes is a Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #46 Dogs in the Dead of Night by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce

## INSTRUCTIONS

Use these question cards in centers, with guided reading, for differentiated instruction, comprehension tasks, speaking and listening skills, or as a resource for student-led literature circles.

**\*Teacher Answer Key included.\***

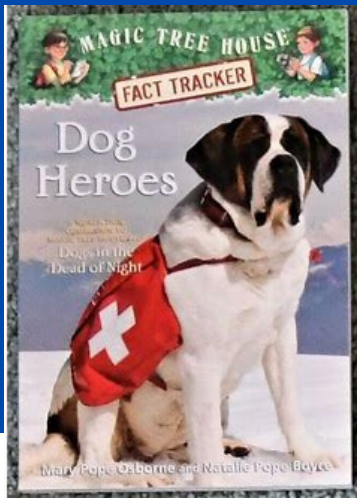
### Grade Level Standards

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.1, 4.1

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.6

Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.



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### CHAPTER 1 HERO DOGS



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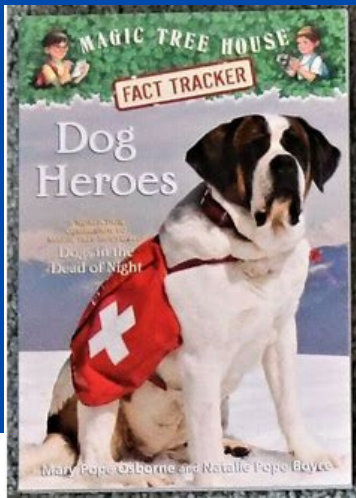
1. How long ago did people and dogs live together? How do we know this?
2. What breeds look most like wolves?
3. What does it mean that dogs are social animals?
4. How did the earliest dogs help humans?
5. Humans began breeding dogs for a specific purpose. What specific purposes are mentioned on page 21 and 22?

### CHAPTER 2 SEARCH AND DOGS



1. Give two reasons why dogs are so good at using scent to track things.
2. Describe the difference between tracking and air-scenting search and rescue dogs.
3. What breeds are mentioned in this chapter? You can find out more about these breeds at [akc.org](http://akc.org).
4. How did Saint Bernard dogs help people in the Saint Bernard Pass?





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### CHAPTER 3 THE DOGS OF 9/11



Labrador Retrievers  
are friendly, active and  
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1. How did Salty rescue Omar?
2. What things are rescue dogs able to do that humans can't do as well?
3. How did the humans working at the rescue site help keep the dogs feeling motivated?

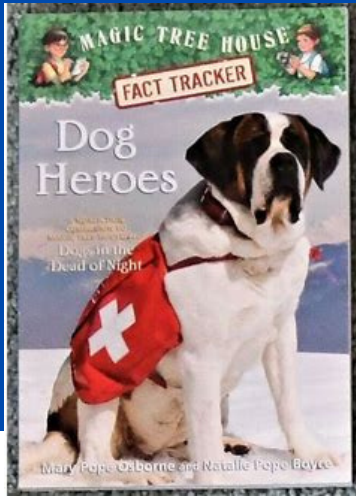
### CHAPTER 4 SERVICE DOGS



1. What breeds typically make good service dogs? What traits do these breeds have that make them good service dogs?
2. Compare therapy dogs and service dogs. How are they alike and different? Use a Venn Diagram.
3. Many schools have therapy dogs who help children with reading, with feeling calm and happy, and with learning how to be a responsible caregiver. Would you want a therapy dog at your school? Write a paragraph with facts from this chapter to support your opinion.



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### CHAPTER 5 FAMOUS DOG HEROES



1. How did Balto save people's lives?
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3. Which hero dog story did you like best? Why?



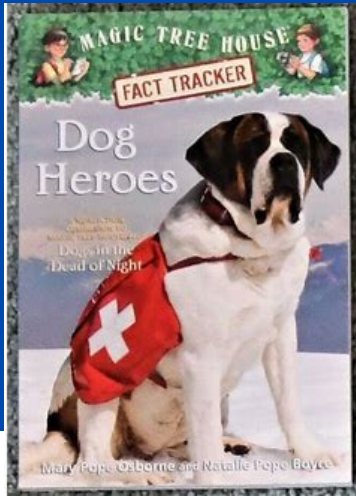
Tipping the scales at no more than 60 pounds, Siberian Huskies are noticeably smaller and lighter than their burly cousin, the Alaskan Malamute.

### CHAPTER 6 JUST CALL A DOG



Anatolian Shepherd  
puppy

1. On pages 90-93 the author gives several examples of dogs helping scientists. What trait do all these dogs share that makes them so good at their jobs?
2. Define scat and lupine. On what page can you find their definitions?
3. How is reading to a dog helpful?
4. How does Neake the Anatolian Shepherd protect both wild animals and farm animals?



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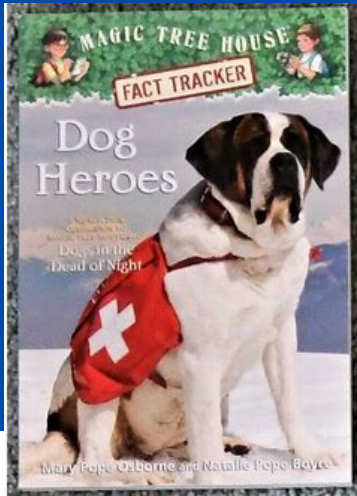
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1. What is the difference between instinct and thinking?
2. Give three examples from the chapter of human-like things that dogs do.
3. If you have a dog, describe what makes your dog lovable.



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# ANSWER KEY



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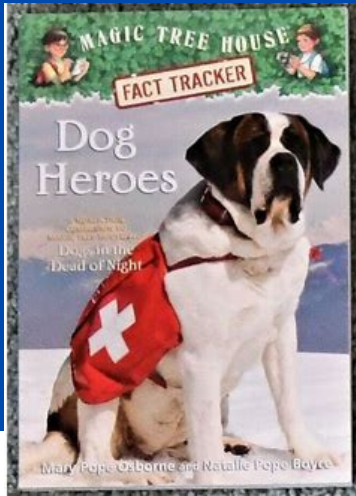
1. How long ago did people and dogs live together? How do we know this? **14,000 years ago, fossils tell us p. 13 They found a fossil of a woman buried with a puppy. p.19**
2. What breeds look most like wolves? **Malamute and Husky p. 15**
3. What does it mean that dogs are social animals? **They like to be around other dogs and people. They live in groups/packs. p. 17**
4. How did the earliest dogs help humans? **They bark when animals or strangers approach. They help hunt big game. They pulled carts and carried things on their back. They ate leftovers and kept people warm. P. 19-20**
5. Humans began breeding dogs for a specific purpose. **What specific purposes are mentioned on page 21 and 22? Hunting, herding, guarding**

## CHAPTER 2 SEARCH AND DOGS



1. Give two reasons why dogs are so good at using scent to track things. **Dogs can smell a thousand times better than humans, Dogs get more information from their sense of smell than their sight, Dogs can pick out a single odor even when it's mixed with 100 others, Dogs have a Jacobson's Organ, Dogs can smell underwater and smell things a mile away**
2. Describe the difference between tracking and air-scenting search and rescue dogs. **Tracking dogs track a scent left on the ground. Air-scenting dogs catch a human scent in the air.**
3. What breeds are mentioned in this chapter? **Bloodhound p. 31, Saint Bernard p. 34, Border Collie p. 38, Labrador Retriever p. 38**
4. How did Saint Bernard dogs help people in the Saint Bernard Pass? **They plowed paths through deep snow, found lost travelers and alerted the monks to their location, woke up lost people and kept them warm p.33- 35.**





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### CHAPTER 3 THE DOGS OF 9/11



Labrador Retrievers are friendly, active and outgoing.

1. How did Salty rescue Omar? Omar is blind. Salty led him down the stairs and out of the building p 43-45.
2. What things are rescue dogs able to do that humans can't do as well? They can squeeze into tiny spots p. 48; they help people feel less stressed p. 51; they find people using scent.
3. How did the humans working at the rescue site help keep the dogs feeling motivated? They petted them and played hide and seek with them p. 51-52.

### CHAPTER 4 SERVICE DOGS



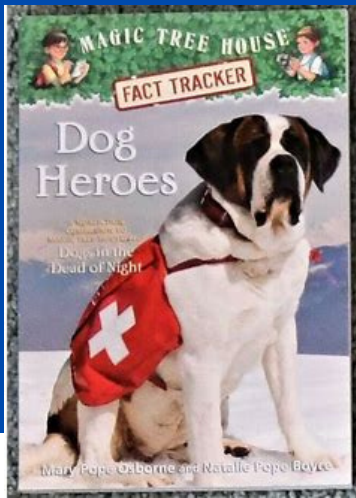
1. What breeds typically make good service dogs? What traits do these breeds have that make them good service dogs? Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, and Golden Retrievers. They are social, quick to learn, obedient and calm.

2. Compare therapy dogs and service dogs. How are they alike and different? Use a Venn Diagram. Alike: help people who are sick or sad, make people happy. Different: Service Dogs work with one person and live with that person. Therapy dogs visit lots of people and live with their owner who is usually their trainer. Service dogs are trained to help their person with things like opening doors, alerting them to a seizure or diabetes, and getting from place to place. Therapy dogs offer comfort and love to people who need it, but they don't fetch things for them or help them cross the street.



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1. How did Balto save people's lives? Balto led a team of sled dogs in Alaska to bring medicine back to their town. He prevented the team from going into a river. p78-79
2. How do the words diligence and assistance apply to Buddy? Diligence because he was persistent in leading the police car back to the house, making sure the officer was following him the whole way. Assistance because he helped his owner save the house from being burned down. p80-81
3. Which hero dog story did you like best? Why? Answers vary.



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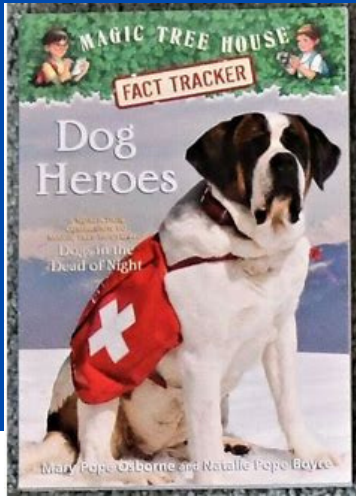
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Anatolian Shepherd puppy

1. On pages 90-93 the author gives several examples of dogs helping scientists. What trait do all these dogs share that makes them so good at their jobs? They use scenting and tracking skills to help protect and preserve nature.
2. Define scat and lupine. On what page can you find their definitions? p. 92 Scat is animal feces. Lupine is a plant butterflies need for food.
3. How is reading to a dog helpful? Dogs help people relax and not feel shy or scared p. 95.
4. How does Neake the Anatolian Shepherd protect both wild animals and farm animals? Neake keeps the cheetahs away from the goats, cattle, impalas and giraffes and prevents cheetahs from getting shot by chasing them away.





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### CHAPTER 7 DOGS AS THINKING ANIMALS



1. What is the difference between instinct and thinking? p.105 Instinct is when an animal acts automatically without thinking.
2. Give three examples from the chapter of human-like things that dogs do. p.106 Dogs laugh and have rules about fair play. Dogs feel love, and seem to know right from wrong. Dogs can ride subway cars without a person telling them what to do.
3. If you have a dog, describe what makes your dog lovable. Answers vary.



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