

ASHMOLEAN

Families



Helpful Hounds: Dog Trail

Go to
gallery 10,
just to the right
of the Welcome
Area.

Dogs and people have been friends for a very long time. It's no surprise we make doggy objects all over the world. Dogs are loyal and help us out in lots of ways. Take a dog walk around our big museum to find out how. ↓



1 Find this dog

This dog clearly wants to play – wuff! He was placed in a tomb over 1,000 years ago in China. It was believed that he would be a friend in the afterlife for the person who had died.

Can you copy the way he is crouching?

What name would you give this dog if he was your pet?

2030
is the next **Year of the Dog** in the Chinese Zodiac

Return to the Welcome Area, and go to the right of the main doors along to Egypt gallery 23 →



2 Find this Jackal (wild dog) perching on top of a mummy case

This is the ancient Egyptian god Wepwawet. Both he and the god Anubis protected the dead in the afterlife and appeared in the shape of a Jackal.

Hunt for pairs of Anubis as a Jackal on these two mummy cases belonging to:



Meresamun
the Temple
Singer



General
Lahtefnakht



770-712 BC

Where are the pairs painted? (Circle the correct answer): ▾

Around the neck

Along the side

At the feet

3 Find this Lion-dog



Around 1680

Say hello to this little Japanese Shishi, a magical Lion-dog.

Originally from China, Shishi are guardians. Pairs of Shishi sculptures are often found protecting temples in China and Japan from bad spirits.

Create your own magical dog creature to protect your family – what animal body will you draw?



Go back to the Welcome Area, up the stairs to level 2 and then to gallery 37



Walk across to the other side of level 2 and go to gallery 43 ↗

4 Find this painting 'Tobias and the Angel' by Altobello Melone

Can you spot the dog with Raphael and Tobias? The bible story of 'Tobias and the Angel' involves a journey, fish and marriage! And Tobias's faithful dog never leaves his side.

Read this story:

Tobias lives with his dad Tobit. Sadly, one-day Tobit goes blind. They are so poor that Tobit asks Tobias to travel far away to collect some money from an old friend. Tobias's dog comes too - arf! Tobias meets Raphael (the angel) who offers to help him. They cross a river and Tobias catches a strange fish which Raphael tells him to keep. Soon they reach their destination and reclaim the money. Then Tobias falls in love with a beautiful girl called Sara and asks her to marry him. But Sara warns him that a jealous demon kills all her husbands. Raphael tells them to burn the fish guts to kill the demon. They do and it works! Together with their faithful dog, they all travel home. Following Raphael's advice, they make fish eye paste to cure Tobit's eyes - now he can see!



1520s



Which moment in this story do you think the painting shows?

Walk straight ahead
into gallery 44



5 Find this group portrait by William Dobson

This portrait shows a meeting in Oxford between three supporters of King Charles I during the English Civil War. Prince Rupert is on the left with a trusty dog at his heel, showing that the friends are loyal to the King.

Look closely at the dog's friendly face - what do you think he is thinking about?



1645-6

See over the page to find out about Prince Rupert's own famous dog →

Royalist Rupert had an amazing white poodle called Boye. He fought alongside his master against their Roundhead enemies.

How do you think the Royalists and Roundheads described Boye? Draw lines to show which side called him the following...



Royalists

Roundheads

- Devil Dog
- Sergeant Major General Boye
- Shapeshifter Dog
- Our Mascot
- Witch's friend
- Brave Dog



Now go up the stairs, and turn left at the top. Then go downstairs to gallery 62



6 Find this painting 'Gilbert Cannan and his Mill' by Mark Gertler

The dogs in this painting belonged to Gilbert Cannan pictured in front of his windmill home. Porthos, the black and white dog, once belonged to J.M. Barrie who wrote 'Peter Pan' and inspired the character of Nana, the children's loyal doggy nurse.

Mark Gertler used shapes to create his painting. Can you see all the triangle shapes?



1916

We challenge you to draw a dog – but only with triangles! ▼

Well Done!

You have completed this trail and discovered objects which show the different ways that our doggy friends can be fun, faithful and helpful.

