

Man's Best Friend

A. Preview. Match each dog (1–4) with a statement.

- ___ a. pulls people through the cold and snow
- ___ b. is the animal that all dogs come from
- ___ c. finds illegal items in luggage
- ___ d. herds¹ livestock²

¹ If you **herd** people or animals somewhere, you make them move there in a group.

² **Livestock** are animals such as cattle and sheep which are kept on a farm.

B. Summarize. Watch the video, *Man's Best Friend*.

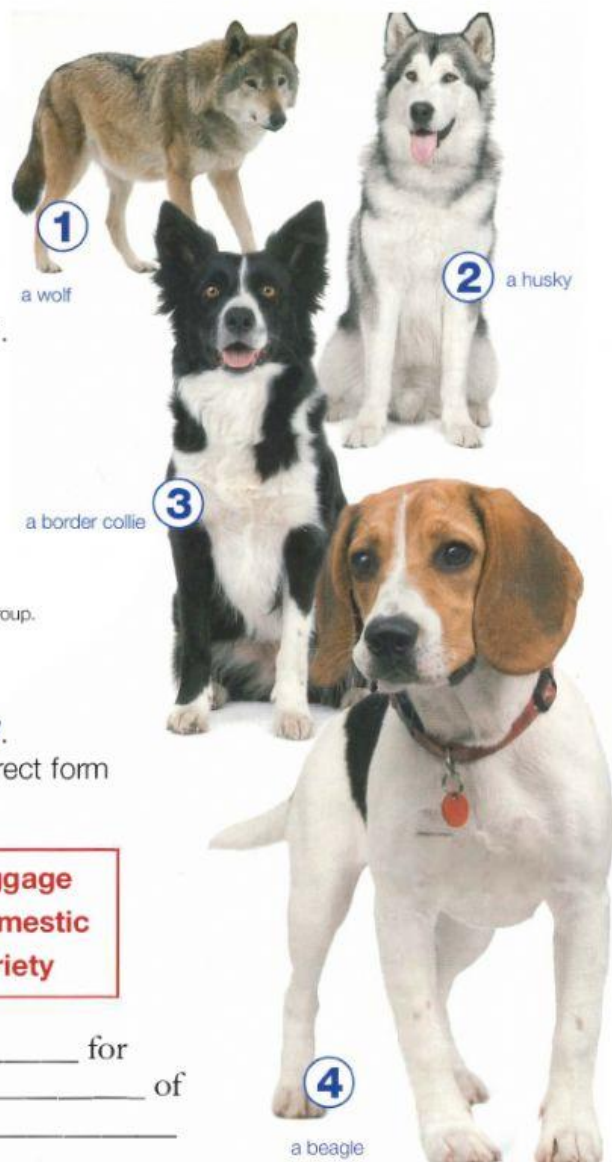
Then complete the summary below using the correct form of words from the box. Two words are extra.

selection	partnership	harm	luggage
plenty	unknown	constant	domestic
interact	obedient	talent	variety

Dogs and humans have had a(n) **1.** _____ for thousands of years. Dogs have a wide **2.** _____ of skills, which they use to help humans in **3.** _____ of different ways.

Dogs have very powerful noses, and they have a great **4.** _____ for smelling things. This makes them good at finding lost people, and illegal items in people's **5.** _____. The most important thing about dogs is that they are very **6.** _____, rarely failing to do as they are told.

How and why humans and dogs first began **7.** _____ is still **8.** _____. However, we do know that thousands of years of **9.** _____ by humans has slowly changed the wolf into the **10.** _____ dog we have today. However the relationship began, it is today clearly beneficial to both humans and dogs.



C. Think About It.

1. In what other ways can dogs be useful to humans?
2. What are some other animals that humans have a close bond with? Why?



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