The History of Pizza



You probably think that pizza comes from Italy, but it actually originated in ancient Greece. The early Greeks baked large, flat, round bread to which they added toppings like oil, herbs, spices, and dates. It was this idea of flat bread which made its way to Italy by the 18th century, where it was first called "pizza." This early Italian pizza would look unfamiliar to us, though, since it had no toppings. Inexpensive to make, tasty, and filling, "pizza" was a popular food among Italy's poor.

Pizza began to resemble the meal we know by that name today when tomatoes were introduced to and accepted by the people of Naples. But pizza really started to be pizza in 1889 when Queen Margherita and her husband, Umberto I, toured her Italian Kingdom. Intrigued by the flat bread she saw being enjoyed by the peasants, the Queen requested that her guards bring her one of the breads. She discovered that it was delicious, and after that, when she was out among the people, she would often enjoy a meal of the flat bread. There were some who thought that the Queen should not be seen eating anything so common, but she loved the bread so much that she asked Chef Raffaele Esposito to come from his pizzeria to the royal palace to bake her pizza.

Chef Raffaele wanted to make Queen Margherita something very special, so he topped her pizza with tomatoes, Mozzarella Cheese, and fresh Basil. The pizza — red, white, and green — had the same colors as the Italian flag. It became the Queen's favorite, and her love for pizza made her even more popular with her subjects. To this day, people in Naples and all over the world still eat the Pizza Margherita, prepared exactly as Chef Raffaele first prepared it for its namesake. The creation of that pizza inspired people to experiment with many different kinds of toppings, and the modern idea of pizza was born.

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_____ 1. The earliest pizzas were

A. covered with toppings
B. large, round, flat bread topped with oil, herbs, spices, and dates
C. flat breads without toppings
D. topped with tomatoes

_____ 2. In which country did pizzas begin to resemble the meal we know by that name today?

A. Greece B. Italy C. U.S.

_____ 3. TRUE OR FALSE: The first "modern" pizza was made to please an Italian queen.

4. Circle each true statement:

A. The first modern pizza resembled the Italian flag.
B. Queen Margherita refused to eat pizza with the peasants
C. People all over the world still eat the Pizza Margherita
D. Chef Raffaele demanded to make the pizza for the Queen.

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Dog Groups



Dog breeds are generally divided into groups.

The **Hound Group** of dogs include those who have been historically used for hunting. The Hound group includes the Basset Hound, Afghan Hound, Beagle, Bloodhound, and Basenji.

The **Working Group** includes dogs bred to perform such jobs as guarding property, pulling sleds and performing water rescues. Members of the Working Group include the Akita, the Bernese Mountain Dog, the Boxer, the Great Dane, and the Siberian Husky.

Dogs in the **Herding Group** (Border Collie, Australian Shephard, Bouvier, Belgian Shephard) were included in the Working Group up until 1983.

The **Sporting Group** includes dogs that are naturally active and alert. This group, which includes pointers, retrievers, setters and spaniels, are known for their instincts both in water and in the woods.

Dogs in the Working, Herding, and Sporting groups require a lot of exercise, as well as regular mental stimulation.

Dogs in the **Non-Sporting Group** include dogs of a variety of sizes, coats, personalities, and overall appearance. Members of this group include the Chow Chow, Dalmatian, French Bulldog, Boston Terrier, and the Keeshond. Popular breeds like the Poodle and the Lhasa Apso also belong to this group.

The **Terrier Group** is made up of energetic dogs that can range in size from the small Norfolk, Cairn, or West Highland White Terrier up to the large Airedale Terrier.

The **Toy Group** (Chihuahua, Maltese, Miniature Pinscher, Pekinese, etc.) consists of small dogs whose main function is to be a pet.

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_____ 1. Which dog might you consider if you wanted a high-energy dog that can be taught to do a job?

A. French Bulldog
B. Siberian Husky
C. West Highland White Terrier
D. Chihuahua

_____ 2. Which group includes the Border Collie and the Australian Shepherd?

A. Toy Group
B. Sporting Group
C. Herding Group
D. Terrier Group

_____ 3. Which group's main function is to be a pet?

A. Toy Group
B. Sporting Group
C. Non-Sporting Group
D. Hound Group

_____ 4. What group includes the most diverse collection of dogs?

A. Toy Group
B. Sporting Group
C. Non-Sporting Group
D. Terrier Group

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