



**All our modern breeds of dog are descended
from the wolf.**

So how come they all look and act so differently?



Very
fast and
agile



Loyal and
intelligent



Small and
friendly



Large and
strong



Courageous,
with a very
strong jaw



Hard-
working with
a thick coat

Gamekeepers in the 1800s had a problem. Poachers were entering their land and stealing their game-birds before the shooting season. Their dogs (mastiffs) were big, strong dogs and great companions but they were not aggressive or fast enough to chase after the poachers. Another breed known to them was the bulldog. This was quick and aggressive but not strong enough to pull the poachers down and hold them until a gamekeeper arrived.

What could they do?



Mastiff



Bulldog

Humans have changed the way dogs look and act by choosing which dogs to breed together.



Mastiff - large and strong but slow and not aggressive.

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Bulldog - Aggressive and quick but small.



Bullmastiff - Large, quick, strong and aggressive

Perfect!

This is called
Selective Breeding



This dog is a more modern example of selective breeding.

It is a relatively new breed called a **labradoodle**.

What two dogs do you think were bred to make it?