



To walk with a dog... is to share his world. What sights and sounds he encounters. What past and present smells he reads. To stretch his legs, to bask in the sun, to discover and wind his way through this brave new human world.

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## Dogs In Action: SUP With Your Dog

If you and your dog both love water, stand-up paddle boarding (SUPing) is a great way to enjoy the water with your best friend. SUPing is an easy sport to master and has the added benefit of not requiring a large investment in equipment — just a board and a paddle and you're good to go!

Well, maybe not quite. Before you decide to hit the water with your four-legged companion, a little training is in order to make sure he or she enjoys the outing. Some dogs take to a paddle board instinctively, but most will need a careful introduction to make sure they

come to love the sport as much as you do. Training consists of teaching your



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## Did You Know: The Most Popular Dog Names?

**Of all time, female:** Molly, Bella, Daisy, Maggie, Lucy, Ginger, Bonnie, Sadie, Sophie, Lady

**Of all time, male:** Max, Jake, Buddy, Jack, Cody, Charlie, Bailey, Rocky, Sam, Buster

**Today, female:** Bella, Luna, Lucy, Daisy, Lily

**Today, male:** Charlie, Max, Bailey, Cooper, Rex

**Naming trends:** The steady stream of Marvel movies has seen over 30% more dogs named after characters like Loki since 2018. Disney-inspired names are on the rise, too, with Elsa, Simba, and Lady among the most popular.



About 55% of dog lovers say their pet has a human name — no surprise after looking at the lists of favourites above.

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## ... SUP With Your Dog

dog to love your board and paddle, how and when to jump aboard and disembark, and how to balance to keep you both on the board instead of in the water.

Fortunately, if done properly, this training is fun for you both. You can find videos online or, for a complete tutorial, check out Tawzer Dog's DVD "WHAT'S SUP, PUP?".

Once you've got your training plan in place, there's nothing left but to hit the water with your best friend!



### Dog In the Spotlight: Papillion

To nobody's surprise, Papillons derive their French name from their beautifully fringed, butterfly-shaped ears. And it will surprise no human companion of a Papillon to learn that Dr. Stanley Coren, an expert on animal intelligence, rated the breed the 8th smartest of the 138 breeds he assessed. These little dogs are whip-smart and full of cheerful energy, making them an ideal companion for active families able to provide plenty of exercise and mental stimulation.

The Papillon's fabulous ears are no doubt at least partially responsible for their long history as subjects of fine art. The earliest samples are seen in famous Tiziano Vicelli paintings circa 1500, including the Venus of Urbino. Papillons make frequent appearances in paintings of royal and merchant-class families throughout Europe, and one even made it into a family portrait of Louis XIV.



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