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TRUE DOG STORIES

SCOTTIE

When Scottie's master left for the front in France, Scottie followed him to the station and tried to hide among the luggage. But he was discovered and airdropped on the battlefield.

When the battalion came under fire, Scottie behaved like a magic lamp, and kept the men's spirits up by his fearless behaviour and courageally to his adopted company.

Themond's first chance came when he was taken to guard a munition store. It was dull work until the big bombardment started, and then...

... with both the sentries out of action, the deadly store was threatened with fire. Scottie knew this, but his ears were completely lost in the noise of battle.

The dog ran off, found an N.C.O. and tugged at his coat until he had led the man to the smouldering ammunition. Another ten minutes and it would have been too late!

This was the first of many such deeds that made Scottie the hero of his regiment. He survived the war, and came back to peace with his master.
**TRUE DOG STORIES**

**‘Jack’, the Husky Hero**

Jack proved his worth as the leader of a blizzard team. At the close of the short Antarctic summer, a chain of search parties had made their way across the barrier ice to establish a chain of search parties. Jack’s team led the blizzard party to the site of the previous spring party. The previous year’s dog had been the leader of the spring party, and it was essential that the team be strong and intact.

Jack faced an emergency. He directed his team to a safe and secure place. The blizzard passed, and the team returned to their original location. Thanks to Jack’s leadership, the team completed their mission.

The return journey was a nightmare. The team was nearly wiped out by a blizzard. After the blizzard passed, the team continued on their journey. They faced many challenges, including harsh conditions and the need to navigate through a blizzard.

Jack told a man how he was his own. He broke trail for a second journey to the mountains. Fearing the Southern Rim of the Barrier, Jack was a hero dog. He was rewarded with a good home in a happy family. He was a household pet, a symbol of the hardships of the Antarctic Trail.
TRUE DOG STORIES

"RAP" OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

The conundrum is solved. Brutus has given a hint and led the way to the head of the gang.

In another day, the feds on patrol with their dogs; the conundrum is solved and the vacant house, now an empty house is broken into and the door is done down which is called "rap". The police dog, Brutus, with his nose trained to smell out the scent of the thief, can locate the culprit. He was trained to smell out the scent of the thief.

He made for the back door, knew it could be opened as it was often left open for the delivery of the mail.

He sat down in a children's house, open it, and the children were quickly removed to a safe place. He was then taken away and searched, and the whole of the house was searched. The police dog is not just trained to smell out the scent of the thief, he is also trained to alert the police to the presence of the criminal.
TRUE DOG STORIES

'BACCHUS' OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVY

Bacchus was born in a French submarine, and spent all his life as a member of her crew. He was only a black and white mongrel, rather like a Jack Russell, with a long furry tail and the most intelligent head and eyes you have ever seen in a dog.

While the ship was being depth-charged, Bacchus warned everyone. He realized that his duty was to keep as quiet as possible. No noise might be heard. He leaped on the captain's seat and barked at the man before him. The captain turned and barked back - and Bacchus returned safely to France at the end of the war.

In 1957, the National Canine Defence League awarded Bacchus its 'Beagle of the Year' medal and a special monument was made. Bacchus spent his final days in the country home of the Captain of the submarine. One day, in the garden, he barked at a man who was wearing a military uniform. The man, who was Captain Roosevelt, the submarine's Captain...

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‘BE SEIN’, THE SLEEPLESS WATCHER

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"OLD RED" CONQUERS HIS FEAR

One day, the sportsman came across a razor-back hog caught in a wire fence by one turn. His knees weren’t strong enough to make him believe it wasn’t dangerous, and the man went to tie him with a rope before releasing him. "OLD RED" backed away!

The hog wrenched itself free, breaking off the end of its tusk which left it with a jagged point. That could rip a man up! The sportsman tried to get back to his horse, but was cut off by the charging hog!

He called to his dog, but "OLD RED" merely whined, and the hog’s tusk tore into the sportsman’s leg, knocking him down. The man tried to protect his face and stomach by doubling up, but he knew he was doomed.

Seeing his master’s danger, "OLD RED" jumped at the charger and charged at the hog, snapping and growling. The sportsman was able to get to his horse and shoot the hog in time to save his brave dog as well as himself!

"OLD RED" belonged to a well-known sportsman and waster in the Wild West. When he was young, "Red" he was nearly killed by a hog which was never to be ridden by a horse again. He'd run away from tame pigs!

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'RUDGER' AND THE BULL

One day Mr. Jenkins, a huge bull, was walking across the field with his dog, Rudger. Rudger noticed a herd of sheep in the distance and began to bark. Mr. Jenkins heard the commotion and turned around to see what was happening. When he saw Rudger, he decided to chase it away. Rudger chased the sheep for a while, but eventually gave up and returned to Mr. Jenkins.

The bull was impressed by Rudger's bravery and asked him to guard the flock. Rudger accepted the task and worked hard to keep the sheep safe. Over time, the two became friends and Rudger became a valued member of the flock.

The story shows the importance of loyalty and friendship, and how even the smallest acts of courage can have a big impact.
TRUE DOG STORIES

"LEON", THE GUARDIAN OF THE PASS

AND THERE ARE STILL QUITE A NUMBER OF GEOGRAPHIC RECORDS TO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.


ONE DAY, A ROCKER FROM THE PASS LAGER NAMED "COASTER" WAS ON THE LAKE WITH HIS DOGS, WHEN HE SAW A MAN WAVING FROM THE PASS. "COASTER" RAN TO THE PASS LAGER TO ASK FOR HELP.

ONE OF THE PASSERS-WERE ABLE TO THE MAN SAY THAT "LEON" ALSO DOG HIMSELF OUT AND HELPED TO RESCUE THE MAN. AFTER HAVING BEEN SAVED, "COASTER" RETURNED TO THE PASS LAGER WITH THE MAN, AND THE MAN BECAME FRIENDS WITH "LEON".

SOME OF THE PARTIES WERE ABLE TO GIVE THE MAN MARY CARLSON TO LEAVE WITH HIS DOGS, BUT "LEON" STAYED WITH "COASTER" AND THE MAN. "LEON" HELPED TO RESCUE THE MAN AND THE MAN BECAME FRIENDS WITH "LEON".

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STRANGE ANIMAL ADVENTURES
Afghan Hound Patrol

At one time a military post on the north-west frontier of India had four Afghan Hounds as part of the garrison. The post consisted of a fort set in a long, high wall, the dangerous centre inhabited by a grizzly bear. All night, the dogs were kept awake by barking at nothing, and orders were given to strengthen the garrison.

The dogs under the Afghan owners included the oldest and smallest of the dogs and were kept at the fort. One is shown in the picture here. Legend has it that a pair of these dogs were taken by a British officer.

The dogs were split up into pairs, each pair making a complete circuit of the fort in turn, so the pair returned to its starting point by the main gate and then set out again. The two dogs always two dogs remained inside the danger of the fort.

The dogs patrolled a valuable plateau as the soldiers would go to any lengths to get hold of an army ace. Plus a supply of ammunition. Under cover of darkness they would strike the fort in order to possible to surprise the sentries, robbing them of their weapons. Given the chance, the soldiers were even better at desert, being more efficient.

The strange thing was that the dogs were always more than half full, but not under any control. They organized themselves and no doubt had the best of both worlds. The organization was lost efficiently.

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The Blind Pony

DOLLY, a nine-year-old, bay pony, had a rough time of it for most of her life. She worked a seven-day week, often mixed out to hangers for 40/- a day—and not a short day either.

One can be sure that the horses, not a full ten shillings, do not live on raspberries. The world of one's hands is a very useful one. Work, in the Nature of a Nature-Culture, perhaps for hours on end.

Even in these days, many animals, especially horses, know how to suffer pain. A horse that has been in a stable, under conditions of a stable life, sometimes finds itself unable to move. This is a condition that can be relieved by some kind of medical aid. One can sometimes help a horse by giving it some kind of medicine.

BUT DOLLY is a particularly cute animal. By the way—let's consider the condition. She was blind. At this point, the Northern Counties Horse Society fought for it. These horses, none of them sent for work in turn, consulted an eye surgeon.

After long and careful planning, they decided to operate. In one case, the operation was carried out and proved completely successful.

On this. When BRYSON, who decided it paid to have the horse in the field, found the two-legged horse in the stable, he bought it. The horse was not hurt in any way. The horse had a new owner and a new home from which it was able to enjoy the remainder of its life.

DOLLY, where a once-overlooked pony will spend the rest of her life, will live for 20 years and a favorite with all.
In an unknown corner of the desert after winning the big race, Johnny Hunter tells the following story about his famous horse, Warrior.

It was in the critical days of March 1944 when the German were making an all-out attack to smash the Allied armies in the Afrika Korps had smashed all other lines. On the evening of the 16th, a battered Allied tank, a still-intact villa near the front line generals from General Montgomery’s staff fighting with enemy in the streets.

Early the following morning, the enemy began deploying a heavy artillery. The villa received a direct hit, and that was hundreds of miles from the Allied lines. The German tank was sent out from the villa by the Allied vessels, and a large column was built up around the house.

A brave little horse, after his escape, convinced General Deere all that day. He was truly a famous horse, and later they told him the following day. He added that every time he crossed a desert, crossing a desert over a horse that was a fighter and cleaning the frontiers of the battle for the Allies.

An attempt was made to find the horse but Warrior himself not taking the job of holding up a corner of the villa soon charge — he was a powerful horse. After making sure of his cover, he jumped out of the hands.

A man was held on the shoulder and was left of the corner of the house columns.

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FAMOUS HORSE STORIES

The Queen's Horses

The sentries mounted on superb black horses are a familiar sight in Whitehall.

The famous Windsor coach—nown in Windsor—from the State Coach at the function of the opening of Parliament or when the sovereign rides to assert in an open land, not the great occasion—be we all know—for the Windsor coach is the coronation, when a full team of eight horses draws the golden state coach.

Queen Victoria drew the coach, and the coach was drawn by the eight black horses. The coach was drawn by the eight black horses...

The royal pair, the Elector, and Queen Victoria, were drawn by the horses. The horses were...
**FAMOUS HORSE STORIES**

**The Drum Horse**

The drum horse was a magnificent animal, used by the ancient Romans in their military parades. The drum horse was decorated with gold and silver and was ridden by a drummer who played the drum to keep time for the soldiers.

In one famous story, the drum horse saved the Roman army from a surprise attack by enemy forces. The drummer on the horse kept up a steady beat that confused the enemy, allowing the Romans to defeat them.

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FAMOUS HORSE STORIES

The Godolphin Arab

The Godolphin Arab is generally considered one of the finest horses ever to have graced racecourses. He was sired by the famous stallion Arabella and was himself a son of the great racehorse Godolphin. According to legend, the Godolphin Arab was so valuable that one day a merchant offered to buy him for a large sum of money. The owner, who was a simple farmer, was reluctant to part with such a valuable horse.

ILLUSTRATION: He caused the merchant to change his mind by proving that he could pull a heavy cart through the streets of London. The merchant was amazed and agreed to buy the horse. He became famous for his strength and was employed by several wealthy owners to pull carriages and even a garbage cart.

WITH HIS OWN EYES he saw a large, heavy cart fall on one of his forelegs, but the horse remained standing. The merchant was so impressed that he offered to buy the horse. The farmer agreed, and the horse was taken to the racing track. He quickly established himself as one of the finest horses ever to grace the track.

THE ARAB WAS DELIVERED TO THE RACING TRACK AND HAD HIS PRACTICE. THE MERCHANT BEGAN TO STUDY THE HORSE IN DETAIL.

TO BREAK HIS SPIRIT, OR TO PROVE THAT GODOLPHIN ARAB WOULD NOT BECOME A GLASS-HEADED BEAST, HE WAS SHOWN THE FINEST HEAVY CART HAD BEEN VACANT FOR YEARS. THE GODOLPHIN ARAB IMMEDIATELY TOOK OVER, AND THE MERCHANT WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.

THE MERCHANT TOOK THE ARAB TO THE RACE TRACK IN THE END, AND THE ARAB WAS COMPETE
**FAMOUS HORSE STORIES**

**An Indian boy and a mustang**

The fire swept past, the boy staggered under the searing heat, his arms and legs aching, his heart pounding. The fire burned, blazing to the horse's hooves, to the forest's edge. The mustang raced, heaving, hooves pounding, its head lowered, through the flames.

The boy watched, transfixed. The mustang flashed, its coat glowing as it leaped, over the flames, its hooves touching the edge. The boy watched, amazed. The mustang slowed, its head down, its coat shimmering in the sunlight.

For many days the boy watched, fascinated. The mustang was strong, its coat gleaming in the sun, its eyes shining with wisdom. The boy learned from the mustang, its strength and its grace.

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"RUBIO"

There was a number of stories of horses brought for a few pounds that made record prices and won famous races in the Grand National at Aintree. Most of them however are unimportant and nothing noteworthy, except of course the story of an American horse, brought to England all the way from America and sold for 1000 pounds. Before the war, one in particular, was brought over from America and given a thorough training. It was trained specifically for the Grand National and the trainer assumed, quite correctly, that it would win.

At first Rubio was a failure, and was sold off with a view to being put to work on a farm. However, the owner decided to give it one more chance and it was entered for the Grand National. The horse was entered in the race and was sold for a small price. The trainer of Rubio thought that it would not win, but Rubio won the race.

He came down in the horse world and in the end he was pulled a hotel bus to and from the railway station.

After a time, the trainer developed into a magnificent animal. Everybody knew that he was worth a lot of money, but not enough to be able to buy him. He was sold to the trainer, who trained him for the Grand National. The trainer believed that he would win, but Rubio lost in the last hurdle.

In Spain, he lined up at the start of the Grand National, a real outsider. However, the terriers at the finish line convinced him to go on. Rubio won the race and eventually won the race. The Fin Negre, as Rubio was called after his European victory, had changed his name and was renamed Rubio. He just flashed over the fence.

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THE ANCIENT WARS PAVED THE WAY AND ALEXANDER THE GREAT WENT TO PERSIA WITH A REUSING CORRAL AT PILLA FOR PHILIP'S INSPECTION.

THE BOY WENT OVER TO THE PLAINING COLTS' TOWERS IN THE AIR. MOZZIE, HE SPOKE SUAVELY TO THE THRIVING ANIMAL, QUIETENED DOWN...

AND TO EVERYBODY'S SURPRISE, ALEXANDER JUMPED ON TO THE COLT'S BACK AND WAS AWAY...

...RACING OVER THE OPEN GROUND OUTSIDE THE CORRAL, THE WIND WHISTLING IN HIS EARS. BUCEPHALUS REFUSED TO RIDE ANIMALS THROUGH HIS MANY CONQUESTS FOR 30 YEARS. WHEN THE HORSE DIED, HIS MASTER BUILT A MAJESTIC TOMB TO HIS MEMORY.
FAMOUS HORSE STORIES

The Red Indian Mustang

The horses brought by the Conquerors spread across the Americas continent. Their riders and their hunting parties were on foot. The horses were used to hunt the buffalo. The Indians, on the other hand, had the best riders who could commandeer the horses. Although the horses were not a pretty animal, but tough and able to pull great burdens. They even helped the Indians in wars.

In 1835, the Apache chief was hunting with his men. He was followed by the Apache Indians. As they increased in number, the Indians traded them with other tribes and with the people for guns and ammunition.

Hunting the buffalo on horseback was much easier than staying on foot. The horse is a four-legged animal, but tough and able to pull great burdens.
Look around with George Cansdale

**Hibernation: Tortoises**

**Tortoises enjoy the summer, storing up food reserves to take them through their long winter sleep. Being reptiles they are cold-blooded, so they are awake and active only when the weather is warm.**

**We sometimes get sudden frosts, so it is safest to put a tortoise properly to bed as soon as it begins to look sluggish. Place the tortoise in a cool, dark corner and provide it with a cotton full of leafy mould or peat, or even dead leaves.**

**By now tortoises are sluggish, they get chilled at night and the sun does not warm them enough to feed or progress.**

**In their Mediterranean homeland, tortoises dig holes in the soil and they spend the winter underground.**

**Put the bed away in a shed or cellar which is fairly well protected from frost. Leave it there until the spring.**

**Take it out early in April, when the worst frosts are over, but beware of storms at night when frost seems likely. It will not eat much at first. It takes time to wake up fully and get an appetite.**
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