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This dog clearly wants to play – wuff! He was placed in a tomb over 1,000 years ago in China. It was believed that he would be a friend in the afterlife for the person who had died.

Can you copy the way he is crouching?

What name would you give this dog if he was your pet?

Royalist Rupert had an amazing white poodle called Boye. He fought alongside his master against their Roundhead enemies.

How do you think the Royalists and Roundheads described Boye?

Draw lines to show which side called him the following...

Devil Dog
Sergeant Major General Boye
Shapeshifter Dog
Our Mascot
Witch’s friend
Brave Dog

Now go up the stairs, and turn left at the top. Then go downstairs to gallery 62

Did you know?
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1916

Mark Gertler used shapes to create his painting. Can you see all the triangle shapes?

We challenge you to draw a dog – but only with triangles!

Well done!
You have completed this trail and discovered objects which show the different ways that our doggy friends can be fun, faithful and helpful.

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Return to the Welcome Area, and go to the right of the main doors along to Egypt gallery 23

Go to gallery 10, just to the right of the Welcome Area

FOUND IT!

Royalists

Witch’s friend
Brave Dog

Shapeshifter Dog

Sergeant Major General Boye
2 Find this Jackal (wild dog) perching on top of a mummy case

This is the ancient Egyptian god Wepwawet. Both he and the god Anubis protected the dead in the afterlife and appeared in the shape of a Jackal.

Hunt for pairs of Anubis as a Jackal on these two mummy cases belonging to:

- Meresamun the Temple Singer
- General Lahtefnakht

Where are the pairs painted? (Circle the correct answer):

- Around the neck
- Along the side
- At the feet

3 Find this Lion-dog

Say hello to this little Japanese Shishi, a magical Lion-dog. Originally from China, Shishi are guardians. Pairs of Shishi sculptures are often found protecting temples in China and Japan from bad spirits.

Create your own magical dog creature to protect your family – what animal body will you draw?

Walk across to the other side of level 2 and go to gallery 43

4 Find this painting 'Tobias and the Angel' by Altobello Melone

Can you spot the dog with Raphael and Tobias?
The bible story of 'Tobias and the Angel' involves a journey, fish and marriage! And Tobias’s faithful dog never leaves his side.

Read this story:

Tobias lives with his dad Tobit. Sadly, one day Tobit goes blind. They are so poor that Tobit asks Tobias to travel far away to collect some money from an old friend. Tobias’s dog comes too – arf!

Tobias meets Raphael (the angel) who offers to help him. They cross a river and Tobias catches a strange fish which Raphael tells him to keep. Soon they reach their destination and reclaim the money. Then Tobias falls in love with a beautiful girl called Sara and asks her to marry him. But Sara warns him that a jealous demon kills all her husbands. Raphael tells them to burn the fish guts to kill the demon. They do and it works! Together with their faithful dog, they all travel home. Following Raphael’s advice, they make fish eye paste to cure Tobit’s eyes – now he can see!

Which moment in this story do you think the painting shows?

Look closely at the dog’s friendly face – what do you think he is thinking about?

5 Find this group portrait by William Dobson

This portrait shows a meeting in Oxford between three supporters of King Charles I during the English Civil War. Prince Rupert is on the left with a trusty dog at his heel, showing that the friends are loyal to the King.

Look closely at the dog’s friendly face – what do you think he is thinking about?

Walk straight ahead into gallery 44