

Dog Favorites

Dogs were the first animal to be domesticated by Man and have remained the most widely kept working, hunting and pet animal in human history. The oldest fossil evidence linked to the modern dog's lineage dates back to app. 36,000 BC, but it's thought that the modern dog split off from the wolf's lineage some 100,000 years ago. [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog]

I can't think of anyone who hasn't had a personal experience with a dog; they're 'Man's best friend', after all...although we might get an argument on that from cat owners! I always had collies as a kid, and then there was the Doberman pincher my dad got as a guard dog for his store. In college, I had a couple of Weimaraners, and my own kids grew up with a German Sheppard-St. Bernard mix (130 lbs!).

The wonderful world of matchcovers certainly recognized the importance of dogs. They abound on covers. You'll see them used as part of advertisements, safety slogans, military logos, and the list goes on. Superior Match Company put out any number of beautiful Dog sets, and then there are all the generic store sets. There are a number of dog racing covers, as well. Mike Samuels, DC, reported having 142 of the latter as of November 2005.

This is a small category with big numbers. Small, in that it's not one of the major, popularly collected categories (such as Navy Ships or Holiday Inns), but big in that you'll ultimately be dealing with thousands of covers. Cheryl Crill, CA, had 4,376 Dog covers in her collection as of April 2005.

Pictured below is a three-cover set (? - I'm not certain this is the full set, but it's all I have) by Sun Match Corp.

