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HIGH FLYING, DOCK DIVING!

Dock Diving is a fun, action packed sport for a dog and handler team to compete in! The sport involves the dog jumping into the water after a toy or buoy thrown by their handler. The dog is measured by how far they jump into the water. There are some specific rules to follow, the pool must be 4 inches deep and 40 feet long. Dock diving is not only fun to participate in but also fun to watch! The crowd goes wild for all the dogs soaring through the air!



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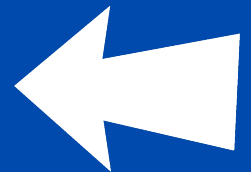
Meet Slingshot, the 4 year old Whippet who is trying to beat the Guinness World Record for Dock Diving!



"ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES SLINGSHOT SUCH A DETERMINED DIVER IS WHAT BRINKMAN CALLS HIS RIDICULOUS DRIVE."

Slingshot, is a 4-year-old Whippet owned, bred, and handled by Rachael Brinkman of Fenton, Michigan. Slingshot is a dock diving champion who has already broken 11 world records with various dock jumping organizations. Having jumped 35 feet multiple times this summer, he already unofficially beat the 31-foot Guinness record.

Find full article [here](#)



Click [here](#) to check out this amazing father-daughter dock diving team!

CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCES?

The German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois share some similar features but are also two very different dog breeds. Find out more about each breed below and see if you can spot the differences.



The German Shepherd Dog is one of America's most popular breeds. It was first bred in Germany to herd sheep but quickly became a police and military dog.

- German Shepherds weigh between 65-90 pounds.
- They are loyal to their family and very smart.
- They love to be active and do well in all kinds of dog sports.



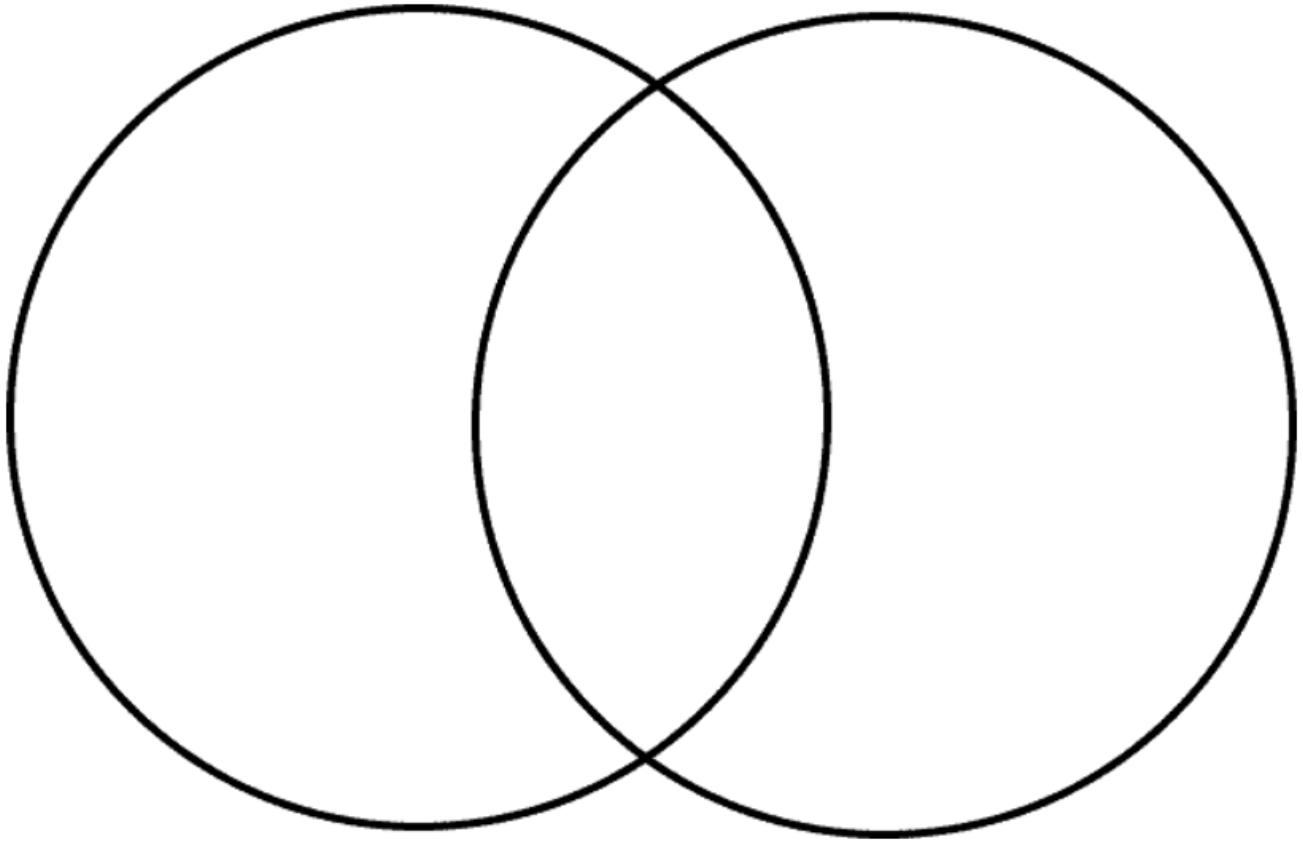
The Belgian Malinois was bred in Belgium to be a herding dog and protector of the farm. More recently this breed has been used in police and military work because of their energetic work ethic.

- Belgians weigh between 40-80 pounds.
- They need plenty of physical and mental exercise.
- Their bones are smaller giving them a short, skinny frame which make them excellent runners.

GERMAN SHEPHERD VS BELGIAN MALINOIS



See if you can fill in the Venn Diagram below with similarities and differences of the German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois breeds.



Check out these two service dogs who are making the world a better place!

[Ty the search and rescue dog](#)



[Pablo the service K-9](#)

SUMMER READING WITH YOUR DOG



School is out for the summer, but reading is still important! Our dog's are our companions and they enjoy spending time with us! Practice reading your favorite book to your pup.



Here is a list of fun, dog related books to read:

"How Rocket Learned to Read" by: Tad Hills (grades K-3rd)

"Love that Dog" by: Sharon Creech (grades 5-8)

"No Better Friend" by: Robert Weintraub (grades 6 and up)

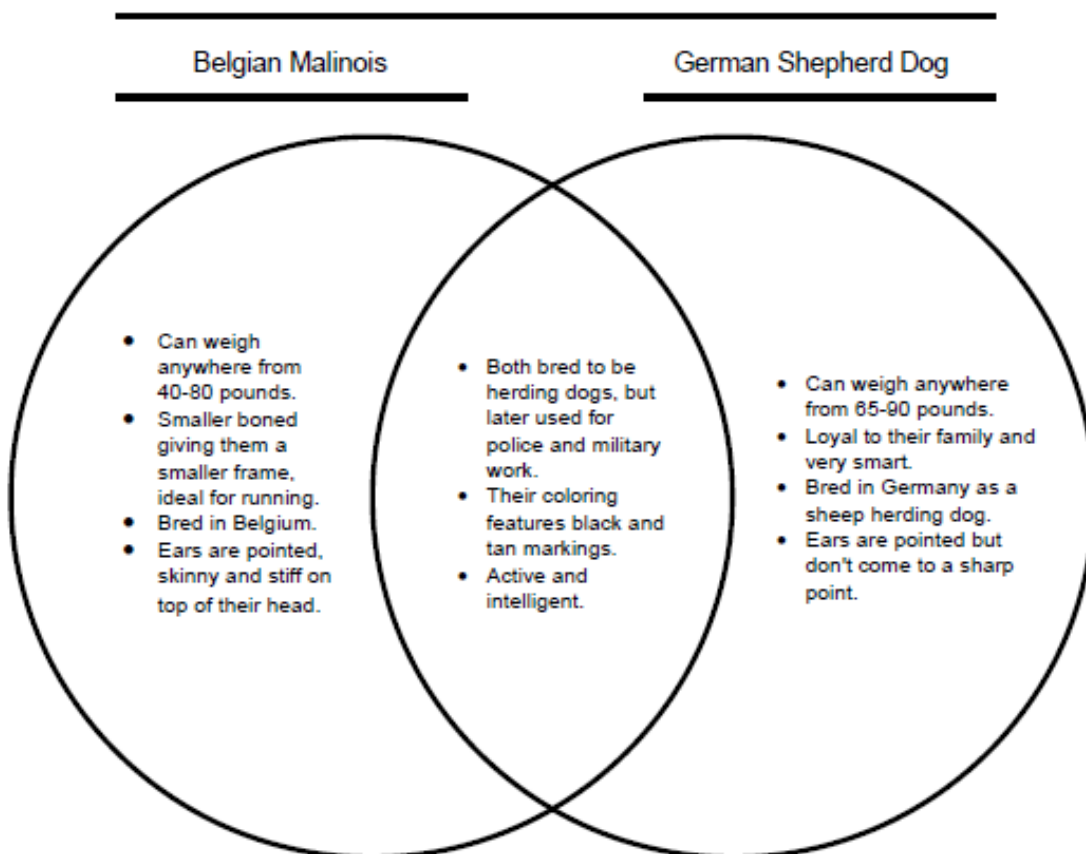


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