

# Animals in WW1

Did you know that animals fought in war too? Many animals joined the war to ~~get~~ serve their country. The animals that joined the war were horses, dogs and pigeons but there was many more. These animals were brave and fearless and also diligent, relentless and resolute.

What are the many roles of dogs in world war one? Many dogs served their country in WW1. Because dogs were ~~not~~ <sup>very</sup> hard working and trusted some of the roles they did were taught to give a warning growl when there is danger, carry medical equipment into No man's land and lay telephone cables. Sometimes dogs, who kept dying soldiers company, were used as mascots for the regiment. Arguably, Stubby is the most famous mascot, who is called that because he had a short tail, Stubby got many medals from the captain he even became a sergeant. Also he was in many battles during the war.



This very tragic war affected everyone everywhere and due to this many men and animals died and more had to join the war. Many lost their lives a best friend or 2 during battle due to bombs and it hurt people very badly in the great war (WW1) many wives lost their husband and now you know what happened in battle and war.



What were horses used for during war?

Increasingly, horses were used in the war at first they were cavalry horses or pulling guns. Soldiers stopped using them when they found out they were not very good in trenches. Some of the horses roles were pulling ambulances, carrying supplies and equipment also hauling machine guns. Often horses were used on farms so the soldiers could get food many of them had to go to a vet because of wounds and an illness 8 million died in war!

Why were pigeons used in war? Many pigeons were used in battle so they could send messages back to base. They were hard to shoot down because they were quick in the air. Soldiers used about 100,000 of them on both sides of the war. About 95% of them were reliable. Pigeons were kept in some of the most unusual places like old buses the messages they delivered were tied to their legs they were also sent from ~~sets~~ <sup>from</sup> trenches and tanks. They were fast and small targets they were trained pigeons.



Cher amir (a female homing pigeon) served a message and was shot in his leg and still delivered her message.