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*The war dog.*

*The use of dogs in warfare.*

As ancient as man's association with the dog itself.

Examples of the use of dogs to protect and fight are:

628 BC: The **Lydians** deployed a separate battalion of fighting dogs.

525 BC: **Cambyses II** used huge fighting dogs against Egyptian spearmen and archers.

490 BC: **Battle of Marathon**: A brave fighting dog was immortalized in a mural.

385 BC: **Siege of Mantinea**: Fighting dogs cut off enemy reinforcements.

101 BC: **Battle of Vercellae**: Large Cimbri dogs led by women defended their wagon forts.

1525 AD: **Henry VIII** exported **400 Mastiffs** to support Spain.

1580: **Elizabeth I** sent **800 fighting dogs** to fight in the Desmond Rebellions.

1799: **Napoleon** assembled large numbers of fighting dogs in front of his reserves.

1914: **The Belgian Army** used carabinieri, strong-muscled **Bouvier des Flandres** to haul heavy machine guns to the front.

1914–1918: Dogs were used by international forces to deliver vital messages.

1941–1945: **The Soviet Union** used dogs strapped with explosives to destroy invading German tanks.

1943–1945: **The United States Marine Corps** used dogs, donated by their American owners, in the Pacific theater to help take islands back from Japanese occupying forces.

During this period the **Doberman pinscher** became the official dog of the U.S.M.C.; however, all breeds of dogs were eligible to train to be “war dogs of the Pacific”.

Of the 549 dogs that returned from the war, only 4 could not be detrained and returned to civilian life.

Many of the dogs went home with their handlers from the war.

In the Colosseum.



The APBT proudly represent their side of war bravery.



War dogs.

