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PLUM AND DOG BREEDS

ALL DOGS

"I am fond of Airdales and wirehaired terriers and bulldogs and Pekingese and Sealyhams and Alsations and foxterriers and greyhounds and Aberdeens and West Highlands and Cairns and Pomeranians and spaniels and schipperkes and pugs and Maltese and Yorkshires and borzois and bloodhounds and Bedlington and pointers and setters and mastiffs and Newfoundlands and St. Bernards and Great Danes and dachshunds and collies and chows and poodles and..." 'I see,' said Molly. 'Your'e fond of dogs.'" (The small bachelor, 1927)

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### MONGRELS

"William was a mixture of Airdale, setter, bull terrier, and mastiff; and when in vocal mood, favoured the mastiff side of the family ... Williams mentality had been arrested some years before at the point where he imagined that everything in the world had been created for him to eat." (Honeysuckle Cottage, 1927)

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PEKINGESERS

"I fell under the spell of Pekes. Many people, I know, disparage Pekes, but take it from me, they are all right. If they have a fault, it is a tendency to think too much of themselves." (Son of bitch, 1975)

"Pekes really are a different race and class. They may try to be democratic, but they don't really accept other dogs as their social equals. (Letter to Townend, 1934)

"The peke followed him. It appeared to have no legs, but to move by faith alone." Lord Emsworth fled to the bedroom and jumped up on the bed. "Below him, the woolly dog raged like the ocean at the base of a cliff." (Lord Emsworth Acts for the Best, 1926)

"These Pekes are tough eggs, especially when, as in this case, female. They look the world in the eye, and are swift to resent familiarity." (Goodbye to all Cats, 1934)

"Ann detached a piece of cake and dropped it before the Peke. The Peke sniffed at it disparagingly, and resumed its steady gaze. It wanted chicken. It is the simple creed of the Peke that, where two human beings are together to eat, chicken must enter into the proceedings somewhere." (Big Money, 1931)

"Listen, laddie, as life goes on, don't you find that all you need is about two real friends, a regular supply of books, and a Peke?" (Letter to Townend, 1930)

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### BOXERS

"He is the most angelic dog, and we love him." (Letter to Townend, 1939)

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POMERANIANS

"Mrs Tinkler-Moulke (a neighbour of Bertie Wooster) owns a Pomeranian. This animal yaps all day and not infrequently far into the night." This is unlike the Pomeranian owned by Aunt Dahlia. (Thank You, Jeeves 1934)

"I patted the toy Pomeranian. Little beast! Got after me quick, when I wasn't looking, and chewed my ankle." (Love among the chickens, 1906)

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### ABERDEEN TERRIERS

"... an Aberdeen Terrier who was supposed (though he seldom did) answer to the name Angus. Aberdeen terriers are intelligent and (if you don't mind those beetling eyebrows) handsome, but so austere and full of Calvinistic spirit that it is impossible for an ordinary human being not to feel ill at ease in their presence." (His own Angus, Son of bitch, 1975.)

"The animal hopped from the bed and, advancing into the middle of the room, took a seat, breathing through the nose with a curious whistling sound, and looking at us from under his eyebrows like a Scottish elder rebuking sin from the pulpit." ... "gave me an unpleasant look and said something under his breath in gaelic." (Stiffy Byng's Bartolomew, The Code of the Woosters, 1938.)

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DACHSHUNDS

"It is fatal to let any dog know that he is funny, for he immediately loses his head and starts hamming it up. As an instance of this I would point to Rudolph, a dachshund I once owned, whose slogan was Anything for a Laugh. Dachshunds are always the worst offenders in this respect because of their peculiar shape. It is only natural that when a dog finds that their mere appearance makes the viewing public giggle, he should assume that Nature intended him for a comedian's role." (Son of bitch, 1975)

"'Especially dachshunds', went on the Pint, who is one of our clearest reasoners. Owing to its low-slung chassis a dachshund can only nip you in the ankle, and what use is that for military purposes? Effective if our troops wore dancing-pumps, but they don't ... Every dachshund I have ever known, in addition to its normal meals, wanted its cup of tea at five o'clock, with cake." (Shock Dogs, Punch 1940.)

"He has just had half my breakfast... I sometimes think he's a tapeworm cunningly disguised as a dachshund." (Do Butlers Bungle Banks, 1964.)

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### SPANIELS

Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha owned an Aberdeen Terrier named McIntosh who looked

like a Scottish preacher. (Episode of the dog McIntosh, 1929) She also owned a spaniel named Robert. He wolfed pieces of cakes that Bertram dropped. (Jeeves and the impending doom, 1926)

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FRENCH BULLDOGS

"One of the company gave me a French bulldog called Sammy, as amiable and sweetnatured an animal as ever broke biscuit. Too amiable, we sometimes used to feel. He was always liking the looks of passengers-by outside our garden gate and trotting out to fraternize with them. The first time he disappeared I gave the man who brought him back ten dollars, and this got around among the local children and stirred up their business instincts. They would come to our gate and call, 'Sammy, Sammy, Sammy,' and old Sam would waddle along and they would bring him back with a cheery 'We found your dog wandering down the road, mister,' and cash in." (Son of bitch, 1975.)

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### ALSATIANS (GERMAN SHEPHERD)

Freddie Widgeon found his room occupied by "a beastly dog". It was Wilhelm, "a wacking great Alsatian". He found out: "... you cannot reason with Alsations". (Goodbye to all cats)

"'He (Freddie Threepwood) gave me an Alsatian dog this afternoon, and I've brought it back.' 'You mean you don't want it?' 'I want it all right but I can't have it, The fathead's first act on docking in was to make a bee line for Fathers spaniel and try to assassinate it.'" (Sticky Wicket at Blandings, 1966)

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POODLES

"Their poodle, Alphonse. ... is a dog of wide influence, and cannot be ignored... watch out for sudden dash at ankles. He is extraordinarily quick on his feet." (Excelsior 1948)

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### BULL TERRIERS

"Stiffy was a sort of bull-terrier, with variations... He looked like a member of some football club, and he was as charming and unaffected as dog as ever I met." (Gone wrong, 1932)

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SAINT BERNARDS

"'You haven't a flask on you, have you?'

'No.'

'A pity. One should always carry a flask about in case of emergencies. Saint Bernard dogs do it in the Alps. Fifty million Saint Bernard dogs can't be wrong.'" (Joy in the morning, 1947)

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