During the First and Second World Wars, dogs were used for many different purposes. Some were just platoon pets or morale boosting mascots, but others were trained to perform incredible tasks. The man in this photograph trained these three dogs to run between the trenches carrying important messages and orders. Other tasks performed by dogs included guarding, search and rescue of missing comrades and catching rats in the trenches.

Make your own pet portrait
Do you know a courageous creature? Paint a portrait of them! All you need is:
• Paper
• Paint
• Felt tip pens
• Your own foot
• Googly eyes (optional)

Paint the bottom of your foot and then press it firmly onto the paper. Leave the footprint to dry. Then use felt tips to add details to your animal such as a tail, ears and facial features.

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