



THE PUG.

*A COMPREHENSIVE EXCURSION
ON ITS ROLES AND PERCEPTION
WITH AN EMPHASIS ON GERMAN CULTURE*

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INTRODUCTION



- Pug = Real Dog
- FCI Classification:
 - Group 9 - Companion and Toy Dogs
 - Section 11 - Small Molosser Dogs
 - Siblings in Sec. 11: French Bulldog, Boston Terrier



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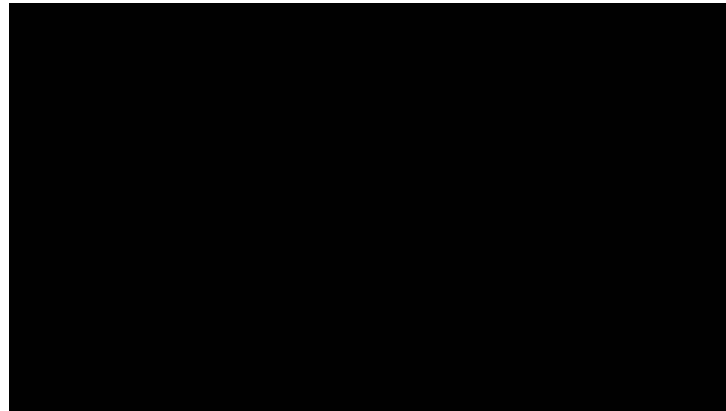




Paper, Printing, Compass, Gun Powder, Soccer, Pugs, ...

Who invented all of of this?

When you don't know, or you're in doubt ...





- Before 3rd century: Pugs bred in China
 - Privilege of the emperors, such as Ling of Han (168-189 A.D.)
 - Pugs rank similar to that of the emperor's wives
 - Individually protected by soldiers of palace guard
 - Only fed with the best food
 - Attempts to harm or steal a pug could result in death sentence

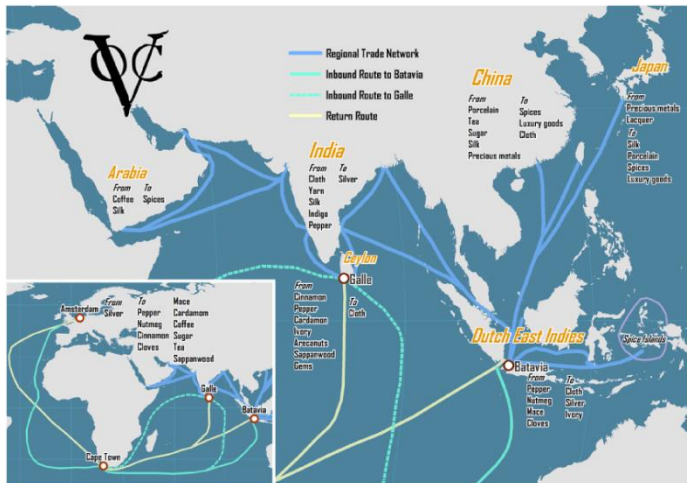


巴哥犬





- 16th century: Travel to Netherlands (East India Company)
- 1572: *Pompey* saves life of Prince William the Silent
 - Pug becomes official dog of the house of Orange
 - Increasing popularity in high society and arts (Paintings)





- 1689: William III (Orange) gets King of England
 - Together with his wife, Queen Mary II, they bring pugs
- 17th century: Pugs popular all over Europe
 - Journal of a Mrs. Piozzi from Italy (1789):
“The little Pug dog [...] has quitted London for Padua, I perceive. Every carriage I meet here has a Pug in it.”





- 19th century France: *Fortuné* gets famous
 - Companion of Joséphine de Beauharnais (Napoléons wife and French empress for some years)
 - Smuggled messages between Joséphine and her Children during her time in prison after the revolution
 - Joséphine insisted to have him in their shared bed



THE PUG IN GERMAN CULTURE



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Three candidates:



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(Ger.: Schäferhund)



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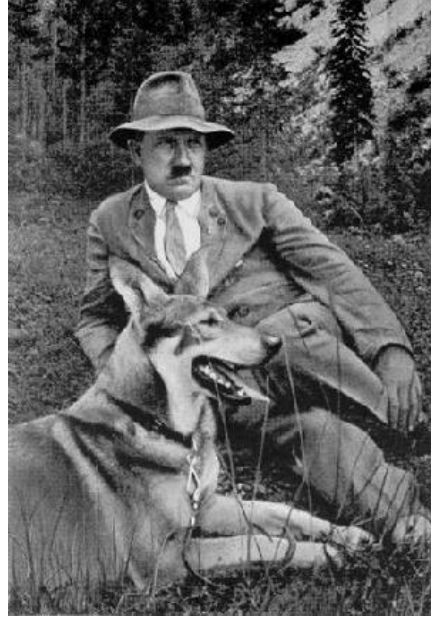
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- Considered a very “German” dog.
- Maybe even considered a bit too “German” in the past ...



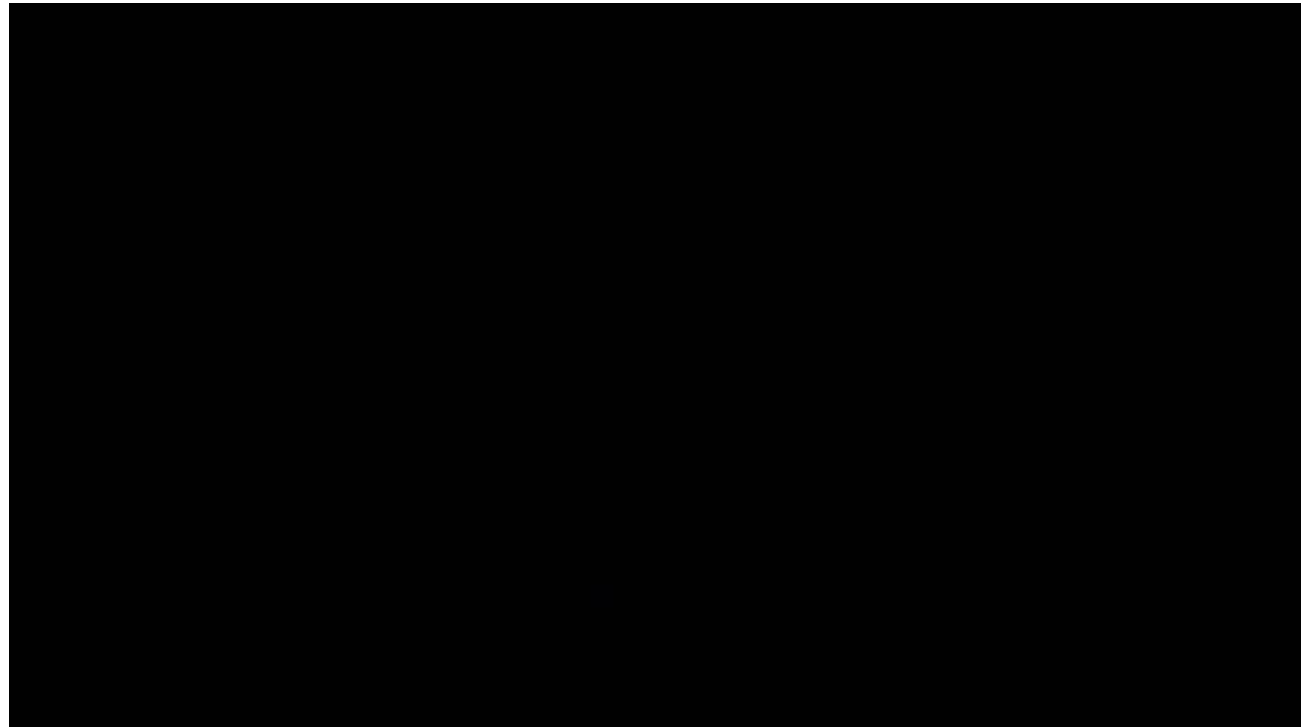
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Clip from “Danger 5”:
Undercover at the Nazi Talent Show



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- German dog, bred for hunting foxes or badgers
(Ger.: “Dachs“ = badger)
- 1972 (Munic) used as First Olympia Mascot, “Waldi“
- So... would you like to go hunting animals that live in tunnels?



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Conjecture: *The pug is truly Germany's most favorite dog!*

Clues (following slides):

1. Much loved in Germany since 17th century (Order of the Pug)
2. Many references in popular culture (Loriot)
3. Germany sets new impulses in breeding (The Retromops)



THE ORDER OF THE PUG



- Ger.: “Mops-Orden“
- Secret order founded 1740 (?)
- By Klemens August, Archbishop-Elector of Cologne
- Exposed 1745, then dispersed
- Exciting rituals!

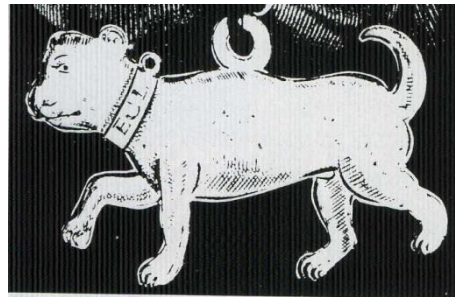


PLAN DE LA LOGE DES MOPSES

- a. Orient
- b. Midi
- c. Occident
- d. Septentrion
- e.e.e.e. Les quatre Lumières
- f. Mops, ou Doguin
- g. Vierge
- h. Amis
- i. Porte qui conduit au Palais de l'Amour
- k. Palais de l'Amour
- l. Cheminée de l'Eternité
- m. Conscience
- n. Constance
- o.o.o.o. Censures

POUR LA RECEPTION DES FEMMES

- p.p. Cordon du plaisir, qui lie les Cœurs
- q. Vase de la Raison
- r.r.r.r. Divers Symbols de l'Amour
- s. Maître de la Loge, ou Grand Mops, assis devant la Table
- t.t. Surveillans
- u. Etrangers et Etrangères
- x. Officiers et Officières
- y.y.y.y. Erreurs et Cours, placés indifféremment
- z. Trappe que l'on pratique dans quelques Loges, et sur laquelle on place le Réceptif, enlevé, pour l'élever en l'air, tandis qu'il a les yeux bandés



Silberner Anhänger als Zeichen der Mitgliedschaft zum Mops-Orden (1772).



THE ORDER OF THE PUG



“[...] Thus these aforesaid Societies or Conventicles have caused in the minds of the faithful the greatest suspicion, and all prudent and upright men have passed the same judgment on them as being depraved and perverted. For if they were not doing evil they would not have so great a hatred of the light. [...]”

- In eminenti apostolatus,
papal bull by Clemens XII, 1738



THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREE-MASONS.

CONTAINING THE
History, Charges, Regulations, &c.
of that most Ancient and Right
Worshipful *FRATERNITY.*

For the Use of the *LODGES.*



L O N D O N :

Printed by WILLIAM HUNTER, for JOHN SENEX at the *Globe*,
and JOHN HOOKER at the *Flower-de-luce* over-against *St. Dunstons*
Church, in *Fleet-street*.

In the Year of Masonry — 5723
Anno Domini — 1723

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- Essentially, a parody of what they said about Freemasonry
- Mocking pope Clemens XII, bypassing bull *In eminenti apostolatus*

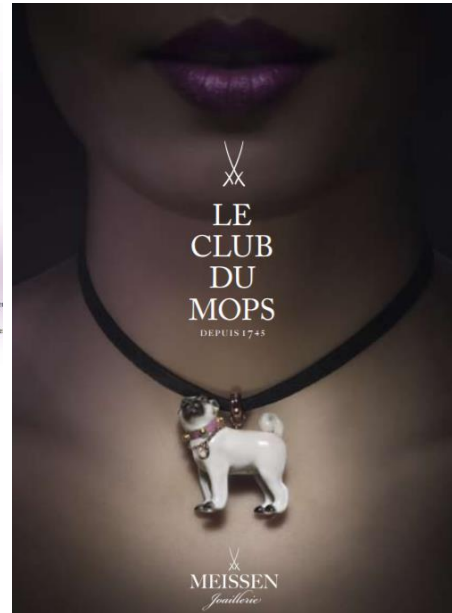


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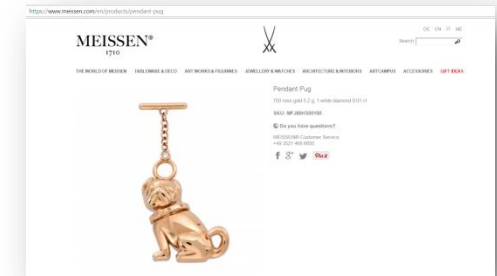
J'ADORE
LE
MOPS

Nicht nur uns ist der Mops eine Ikone, sondern auch den Mitgliedern und stillen Verehrern des Mopsorden darunter Prinzessin Friederike Luise von Preußen oder auch der sächsische Kurfürst August der Starke, der seine berühmten und einflussreichen Geliebten, Gräfin Cosel, einen Mops aus Porzellan als Zeichen seiner Liebe überreichte.



- Special collection by MEISSEN
(German porcelain & jewelry)

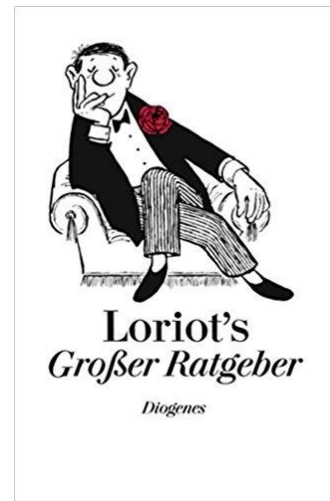
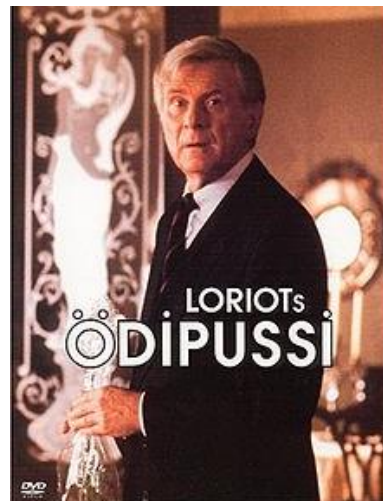
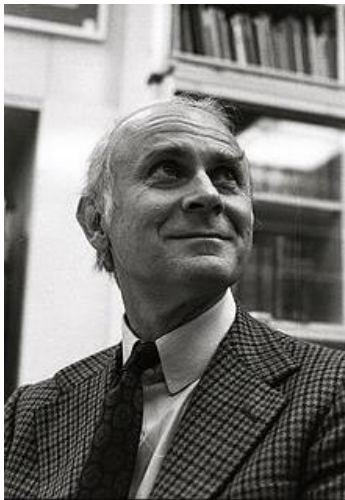
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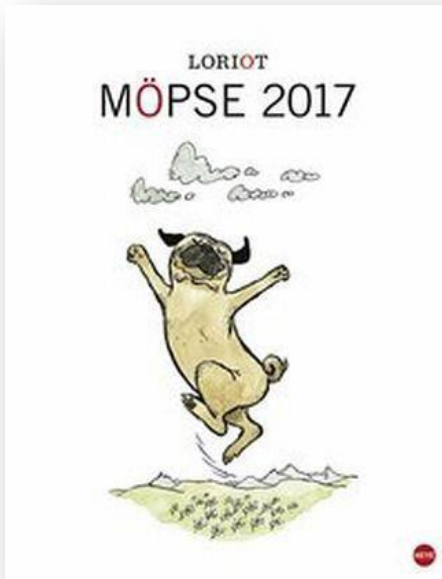
PUGS IN POPULAR CULTURE: LORIOT



- Lorient (1923 -2011) = Cartoonist, Humorist, Comedian
 - A bit like the German version of Monty Python
 - Still very famous – caused several well-known sayings etc.
 - Loved pugs and included a lot of references to them in his work



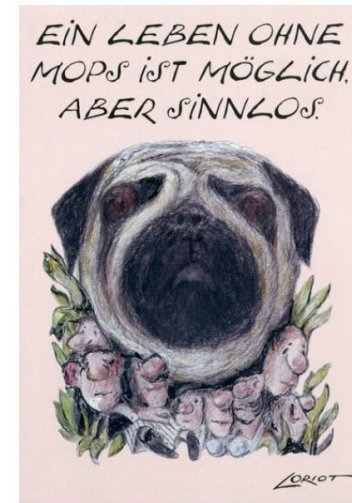
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One pretty popular quote ...



PUGS IN POPULAR CULTURE: LORIOT



Another one (maybe a bit less popular)



SERIOUSLY: LET'S HELP OUR PUGS



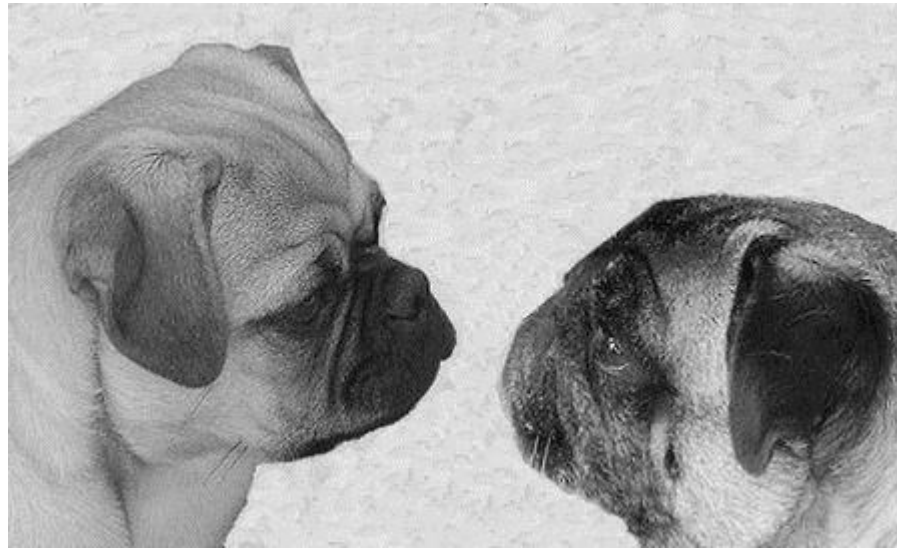
- Today: Pugs = overbred dog race
 - Oxygenation: Many pugs can hardly breathe
 - Overweight, issues with cooling
 - Genetic disorders
- 2008: Study by Imperial College, London
 - Significant inbreeding between pedigree pugs
 - Gene pool of 10K pugs in UK equivalent to 50 individuals
- FCI breeding standard revisited in 2010
 - Breeding strongly degenerate pugs gets punished
 - Health of the animal gets more attention
- So, what can we do?



SERIOUSLY: LET'S HELP OUR PUGS



- Why not buy more Retro Pugs (Ger.: Retromops)?
 - A recent German effort: <http://www.zuechterkreis-retromops.de/>
 - Bred with special care towards animal welfare
 - Oriented on original 19th century form





- Pugs are amazing!
 - Originate in ancient China
 - Conquered Europe from 16th century
 - Many interesting anecdotes
 - Very popular toy dog nowadays
 - Problems with overbreeding



- Conjecture: Pug = Germany's favorite dog
 - Order of the Pug
 - References in Pop Culture (Loriot)
 - Working towards healthy next-gen pug (Retromops)



