

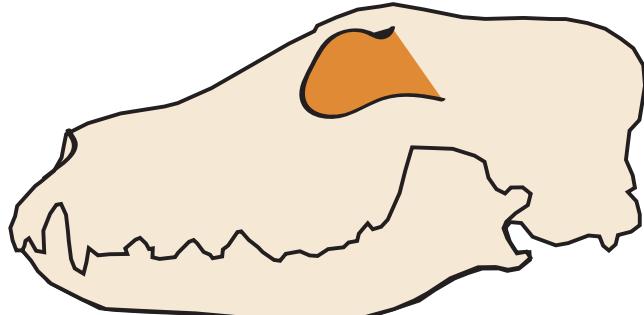
# Canine Skull Types

A dog's job can often be told by its skull. Over thousands of years, dogs have been bred to be good at jobs like hunting and protection. This has resulted in three skull types:

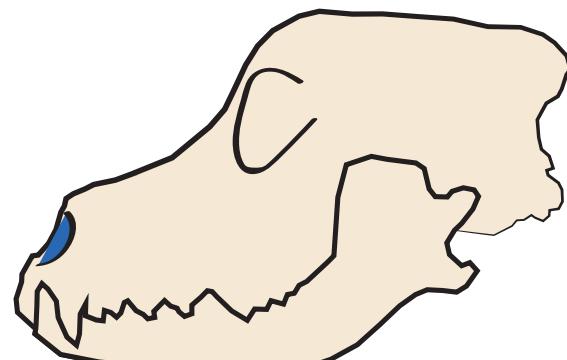
**Dolichocephalic** - Dogs with this skull type were bred for *sight* and can be recognized by a narrow snout and less forward eyes. Some breed examples are greyhounds, collies, and Borzois.

**Mesaticephalic** - This skull type can be found in dogs that were bred to detect *scent*. Their skulls have larger nasal chambers and shorter snouts. Some breeds are bloodhounds, beagles, and retrievers.

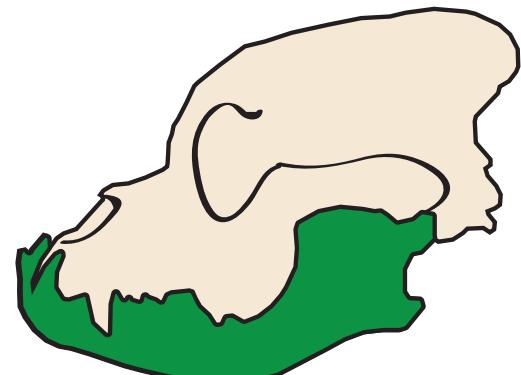
**Brachycephalic** - This skull group is notable for a strong jaw and shortened snout. Examples of brachycephalic dog breeds are boxers, bulldogs, and Boston terriers, which were originally bred for *fighting* and protection.



Greyhound



Saint Bernard



Boxer