

## Facts about Anzac Day

Fact 1	Dogs were trained to look for wounded soldiers in “no-man’s land”.
Fact 2	Some soldiers had mascots while they were in New Zealand, and some had mascots when they were overseas.
Fact 3	Many soldiers spent several months in training camps before going overseas to join the fighting. The camp at Featherston was home to a number of animals. They included a goat that followed the men around and a terrier that liked to listen to the brass band.
Fact 4	It wasn’t only soldiers in the army who had mascots. Sailors in the navy had them, too. Pelorus Jack was a bulldog that lived on the ship HMS New Zealand. The dog was named after a famous dolphin that used to swim beside boats in the Marlborough Sounds.
Fact 5	In fact, there were two dogs called Pelorus Jack. The first one joined the ship as a puppy in 1913, before the war. He used to line up with the sailors every morning for the captain’s inspection. During the war, he would stand on deck when there was fighting and bark at the exploding shells.
Fact 6	Most of the mascots were not allowed to return to New Zealand after the war because of quarantine rules.
Fact 7	A mascot gave them something positive to think about. It was a reminder of home and normal life.
Fact 8	life. Many New Zealanders were killed and injured in the war.
Fact 9	Some people probably hoped that their mascot would bring them good luck and keep them safe.
Fact 10	Cats caught rats in the trenches, homing pigeons delivered messages, and donkeys carried water and supplies.