

## What was the article about?

My journal is about pets being world war mascots. There was dogs, cats, pigeons and birds, goat and horses to carry water , supplies . And that many soldiers carry them for good luck. Some soldiers had mascots while they were in New Zealand, and some had mascots when they were overseas. When soldiers were overseas, they often found or bought animals that they kept as mascots. Some New Zealand and Australian soldiers bought a small donkey as a mascot while they were on leave in Cairo, Egypt. Then they had to get it back to their camp outside the city. They tried to get on a tram, but the conductor did not want to take the donkey. The soldiers did leave her, so they paid the donkey's fare as well as their own.

## What does this have to do with Anzac Day or the war?

This article is related to Anzac Day because it is talking about the animals that helped the soldiers. And cause it brings good luck to help the soldiers even if they are hurt.

## Title of journal story: FIRST WORLD WAR MASCOTS ANIMALS AT WAR

### Interesting Fact 1

That there was 2 heroes that helped the war become better which their names were Freya and Caesar and world war champion.

### Interesting Fact 2

Many New Zealand troops had mascots. Dogs were always popular, but there were also birds, cats, donkeys, goats, and monkeys. The soldiers kept mascots for many reasons. A mascot was a symbol for the regiment. It was also a friend and companion, like a pet. It added humour and fun to everyday life. A mascot was good for morale because it cheered up the soldiers.

### Interesting Fact 3

I learnt that animals were special and some lucky to survive the wars and some who died.

### Interesting Fact 4

Above: Moses, an Egyptian donkey, was the mascot of the New Zealand Army Service Corps.  
Left: A soldier in the Auckland Mounted Rifles holds a pet desert fox.  
Below: Jimmy, the mascot of the Otago Mounted Rifles, has a drink.

### Interesting Fact 5

When the first Pelorus Jack died in an accident (he fell down a funnel), a second bulldog with the same name took his place.