

Puppy Love

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The Mystique



Myths and stories through the centuries surround the mysterious phenomenon we call a hot dog. The factual history of the hot dog has been lost in time, even in the US there is an ongoing debate regarding the facts of this American icon. The one thing that hot dog researchers seem to embrace is that the hot dog was brought to the US by immigrants arriving from Germany in the 1800s; they not only brought their sausages, they also brought their delightful dachshunds. Barry Popick, a prominent hot dog historian says that the word “hot dog” began appearing in college magazines in the 1890’s. The term was current at Yale University in the fall of 1894, when “dog wagons” sold hot dogs at the dorms. The name was a sarcastic comment on the origin of the meat and probably began as a joke about the Germans’ small, long, thin dogs. Ever the victim of humor and rumor, one popular stand was even dubbed “The Kennel Club.” It didn’t take long for the use of the word “dog” to become “hot dog.” Popick found the first reference to “hot dog” in an article published in the October 19, 1895, issue of the *Yale Record* which referred to folks contentedly munching on “hot dogs.” Early arrivals from Germany even called the frankfurters a “little dog” or a “dachshund” sausage, thus linking the word “dog” to their popular concoction.

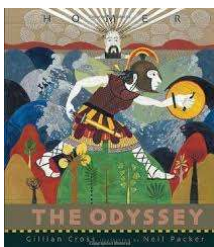


Violet is sharing in a lot of family adventures with her loving family in Georgia.



Fit For a King

On June 11, 1939, King George and Queen Elizabeth were the first British monarchs to ever step foot on American soil. President Roosevelt entertained the couple for four days, which included a picnic at Hyde Park. Keeping everything all American, the monarchs were served hot dogs on a silver tray, but they ate off of paper plates.



Homer wrote the ancient Greek poem, *The Odyssey* in the 9th century BC. Art work on pottery during this time illustrates a Greek consuming, believe it or not, a hotdog, making it the earliest recorded evidence of an ancient “hot dog” through time.



Time to Celebrate!

Hot dogs are considered a part of American culture. On Memorial Day we eat seven billion hot dogs ~ that is 818 hotdogs per second!