

## DOG IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
a pooch	another name for a dog	I've got to take the pooch for a walk, then I'll come to yours.
as sick as a dog	very ill	We're all as sick as a dog. Sasha caught a bug and passed it to the rest of the family.
call off the dogs	stop someone behaving aggressively towards another person	Call off the dogs Harry. He's apologised, let that be the end of it.
dog eat dog world	ruthless unethical behaviour used to become successful in the working world	Being a banker is a dog-eat-dog world. I'm thinking of quitting for the simple life.
dog tired	extremely tired	I need a few days off. I've been working 70 hours a week, I'm dog tired.
dog's dinner	a complete mess	The guy I hired made a dog's dinner of the electrics. He definitely isn't getting paid.
doggy bag	leftover food gets put in a bag and taken home by someone	Thanks for coming, I've made you a doggy bag. I won't be able to eat all this food.
dressed up like the dog's dinner	wear clothes that are too flashy/pretentious for the occasion	Ciara always dresses up like the dog's dinner. No wonder everyone always stares at her.
face like a bulldog chewing a wasp	a very ugly face	Harley's new girlfriend looks like a bulldog chewing a wasp.
fight like cat and dog	argue and fight continuously	Me and my brother fought like cat and dog when we were kids.
go to the dogs	deteriorate, turn bad	My town is going to the dogs. The crime rate has risen dramatically in recent years.

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hair of the dog	drink alcohol when you are hungover	Give Mike a hair of the dog. That will make him feel better.
hound someone	harass, bother, annoy	The paparazzi continuously hound celebrities.
in the doghouse	someone is angry/annoyed with you	I bought my mum her favourite flowers, so I'm out of the doghouse.
man's best friend	a dog	I was going to get a cat but decided on man's best friend instead.
puppy love	young, immature love	My son is 11 and has a girlfriend, I'm hoping it's just puppy love.
rain cats and dogs	raining heavily	It rained cats and dogs all week, I couldn't hang out my washing.
see a man about a dog	an excuse for leaving	I'll be back in a few minutes, I've got to see a man about a dog.
the dog's bollocks	describing something as brilliant, fantastic, excellent, the best etc.	William thinks he's the dog's bollocks at hockey. Adam is much better than him.
top dog	the leader/dominant one/most powerful person	If I get my promotion, I'll be top dog.

