

## Worksheet 2

# Animal Rights

## *Working Animals*

*Some say he's too thin and that it's cruel for a dog to work so hard.  
I say it's cruel to try and stop him. Take him away from his 'purpose in life'  
and it'd be like taking a fish out of water. Blue heelers were bred to work sheep  
and cattle – it's in their blood.*

Dogs have been trained to work with and for people for many thousands of years. From transportation to search and rescue, humans have found a wide variety of jobs for dogs to assist with. Thankfully, most working dogs are well cared for, enjoy the work they do (such as in the excerpt above from Animal Rights) and are loved by their owners.

**Task 1:** Research information about different types of working dogs. Include some or all of the following areas of specialty:

<i>Sled dogs</i>	<i>Guide dogs</i>	<i>Sniffer dogs</i>	<i>Hearing dogs</i>	<i>Search dogs</i>
<i>Therapy dogs</i>	<i>Rescue dogs</i>	<i>Hunting dogs</i>	<i>Police dogs</i>	<i>War dogs</i>

**Task 2:** Present your researched information via a poster or slide show displaying it to an appropriate audience.

**Task 3:** Write a personal response to the question: Should dogs be used to assist humans?

### Extension Activities:

- Who is Laika? Write a short article about why this animal has historical significance. How do you feel about her story?
- What is hippotherapy? Where does the name originate? When was this practice first acknowledged? How is it used to assist people? What is your opinion about this practice?