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Adventures  
With Kala



# WE ARE AUSSIE

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## Dedication

WE ARE AUSSIE is dedicated to Senshi  
who's health took a turn for the worse.



Your spirit lives on.



Hi. I'm Kala.



I am a real dog, not just a cartoon. The stories I am about to share with you are my real adventures.

If you never met an Australian Shepherd, or Aussie for short, you are in for a real treat.



LET ME TELL YOU A  
LITTLE BIT ABOUT



Kala and Kode

**AUSSIES**

For a long time you would only find us out west working on farms and ranches.

Our history is a little blurry. No one is quite sure how we turned out looking like we do.

Someone noticed how adorable we were and the rest is history.



"This is **Kode**, my big playmate ...  
and that is my **new** toy in his  
mouth."

Some Aussies lay like this.

We call it 'frog-legs'.



Looks crazy, right?  
You should try it.  
It is really comfortable.



Most of us actually grin. I know what you are thinking, a dog can't grin. Well, we really do!

Some might think we are growling because we show our teeth, but it is just the we smile.

Did you know that very few animals really smile?



We have a good sense of humor and are always ready for fun. Some of us are just down right silly.



Steven and Sydney

We can be quite the pranksters.

We are great diggers and we love to work in the garden. Kode dug out the roses and planted them on the other side of the yard. Did you know that roses belong in the rose garden?

Who knew?

See, Kode is smiling again!

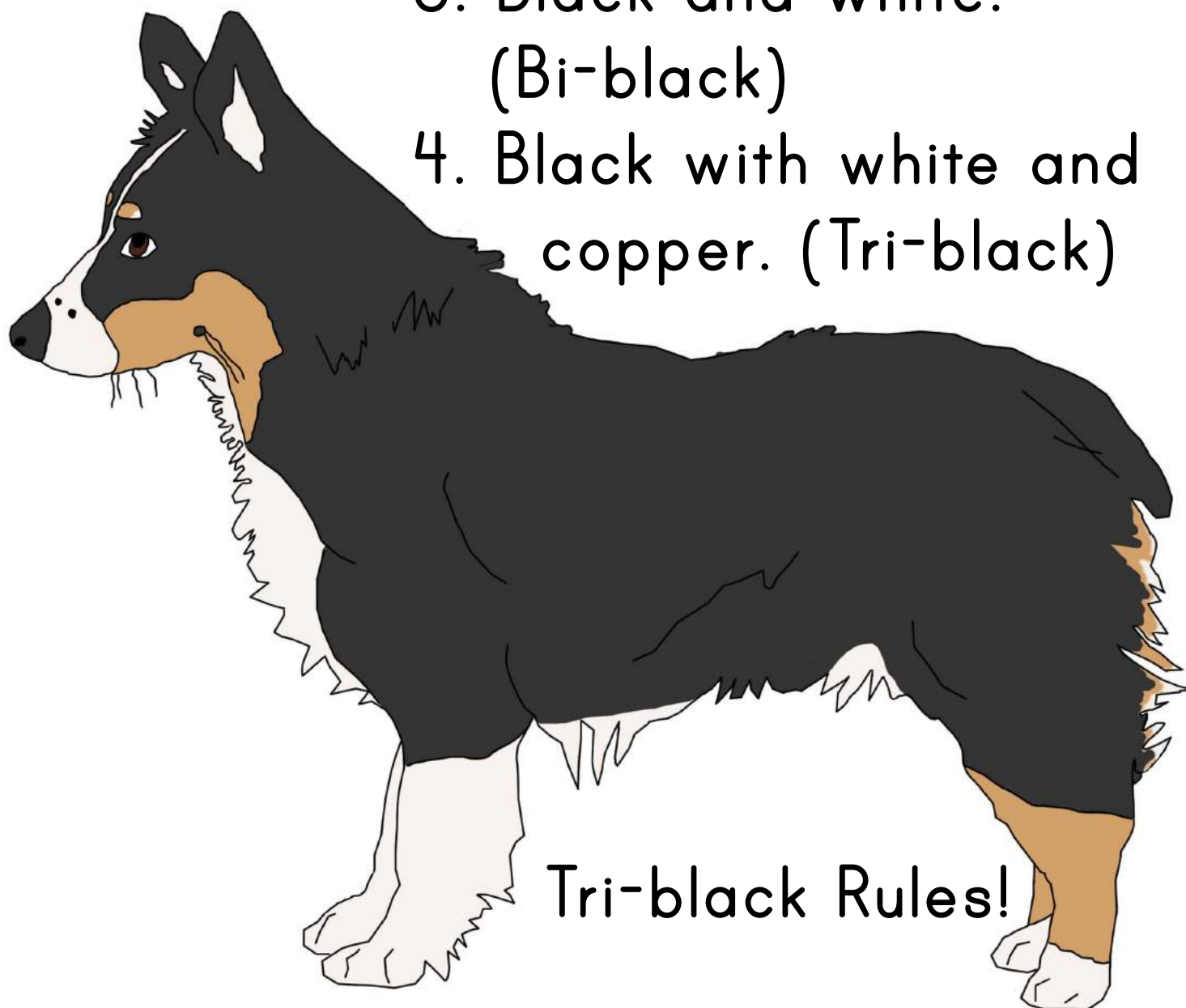


Kode is always in trouble.

Aussies come in sixteen different color combinations.

**That is alot of color choices.**

1. Black.
2. Black and copper.
3. Black and white.  
(Bi-black)
4. Black with white and copper. (Tri-black)



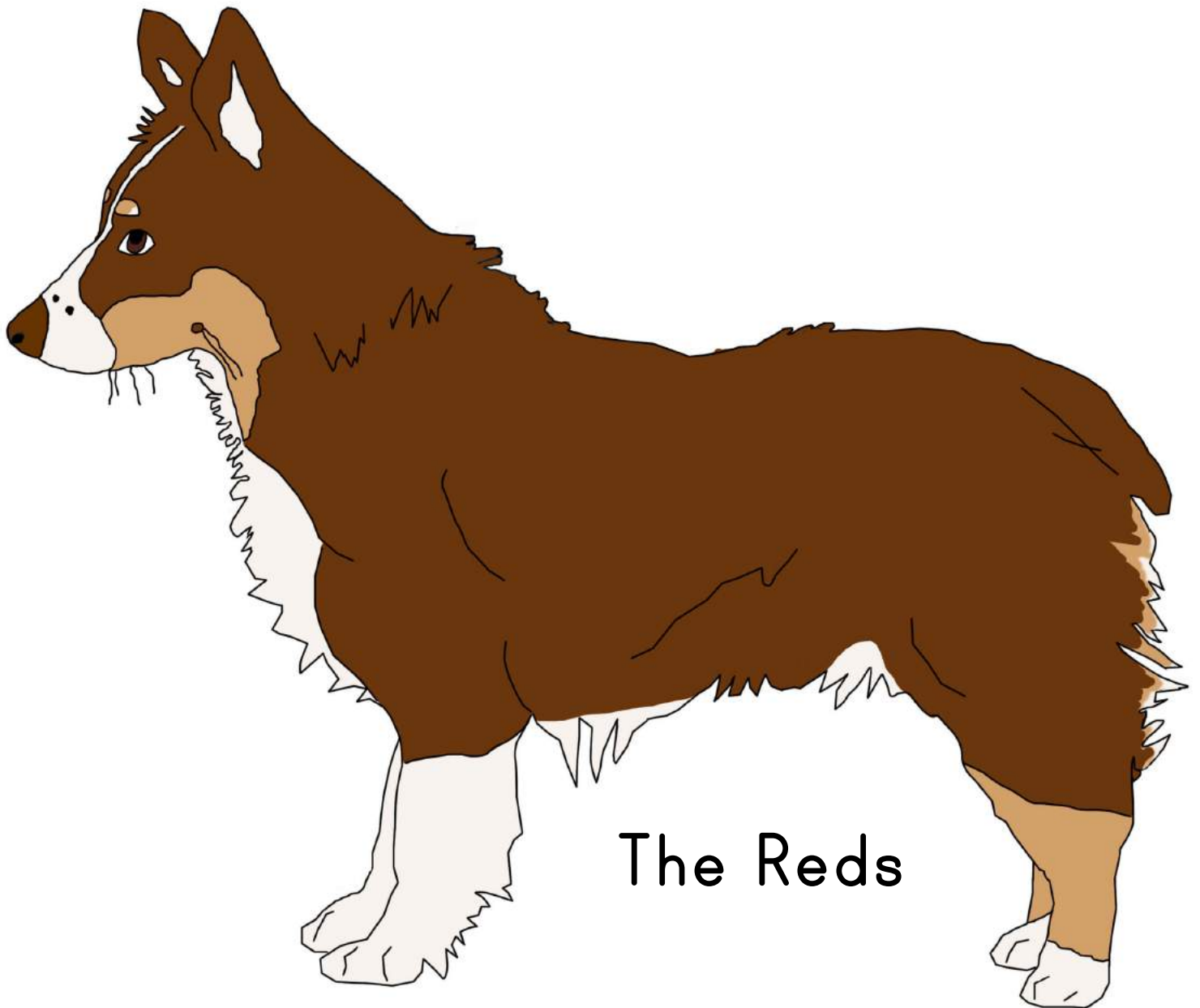
**Tri-black Rules!**

5. Blue merle.
6. Blue merle and copper.
7. Blue merle and white.
8. Blue merle with white and copper.





- 9. Red.
- 10. Red and copper.
- 11. Red and white. (Bi-red)
- 12. Red with white and copper.  
(Tri-red)



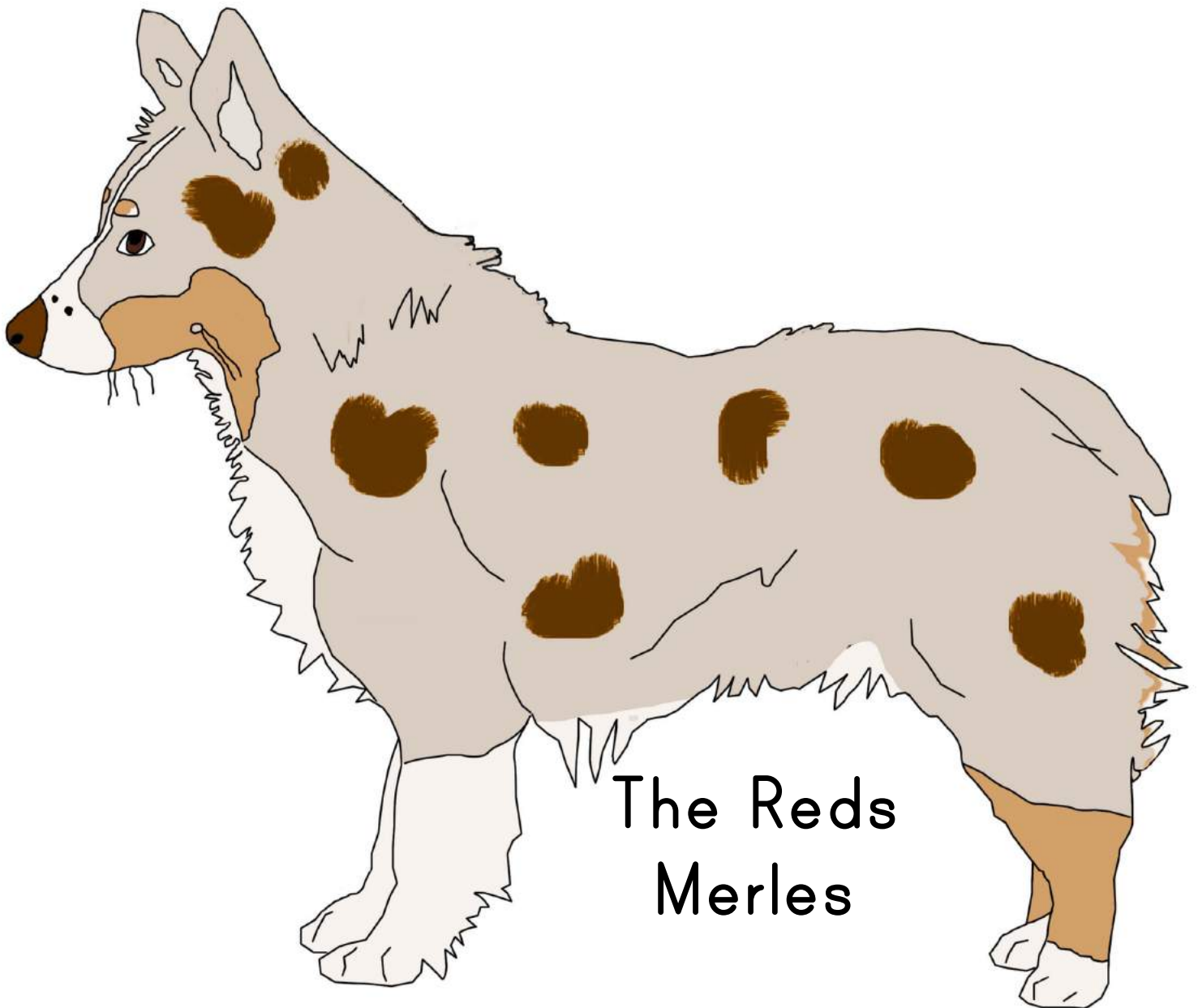
The Reds

13. Red merle.

14. Red merle and copper.

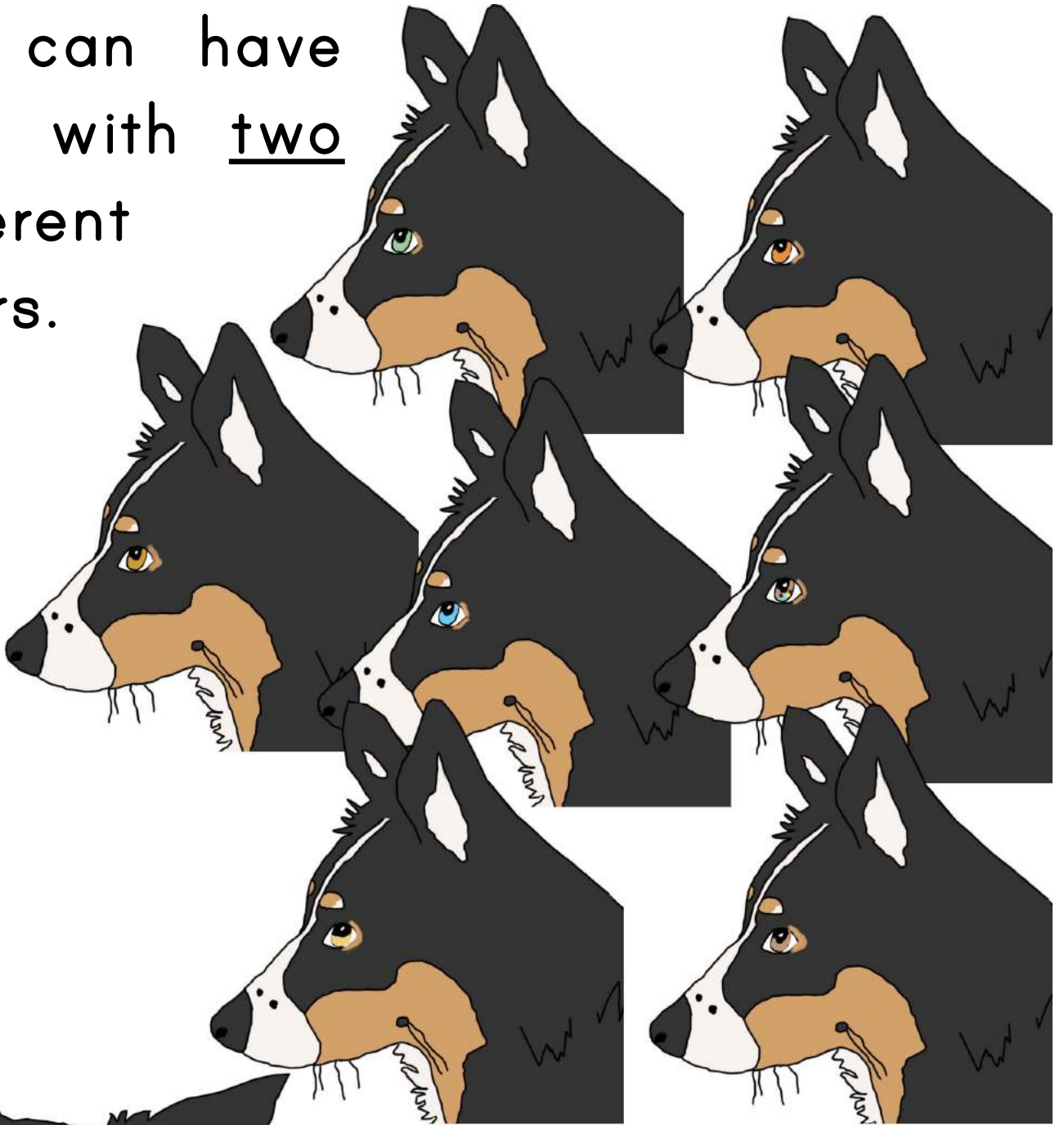
15. Red merle and white.

16. Red merle with white and  
copper.



The Reds  
Merles

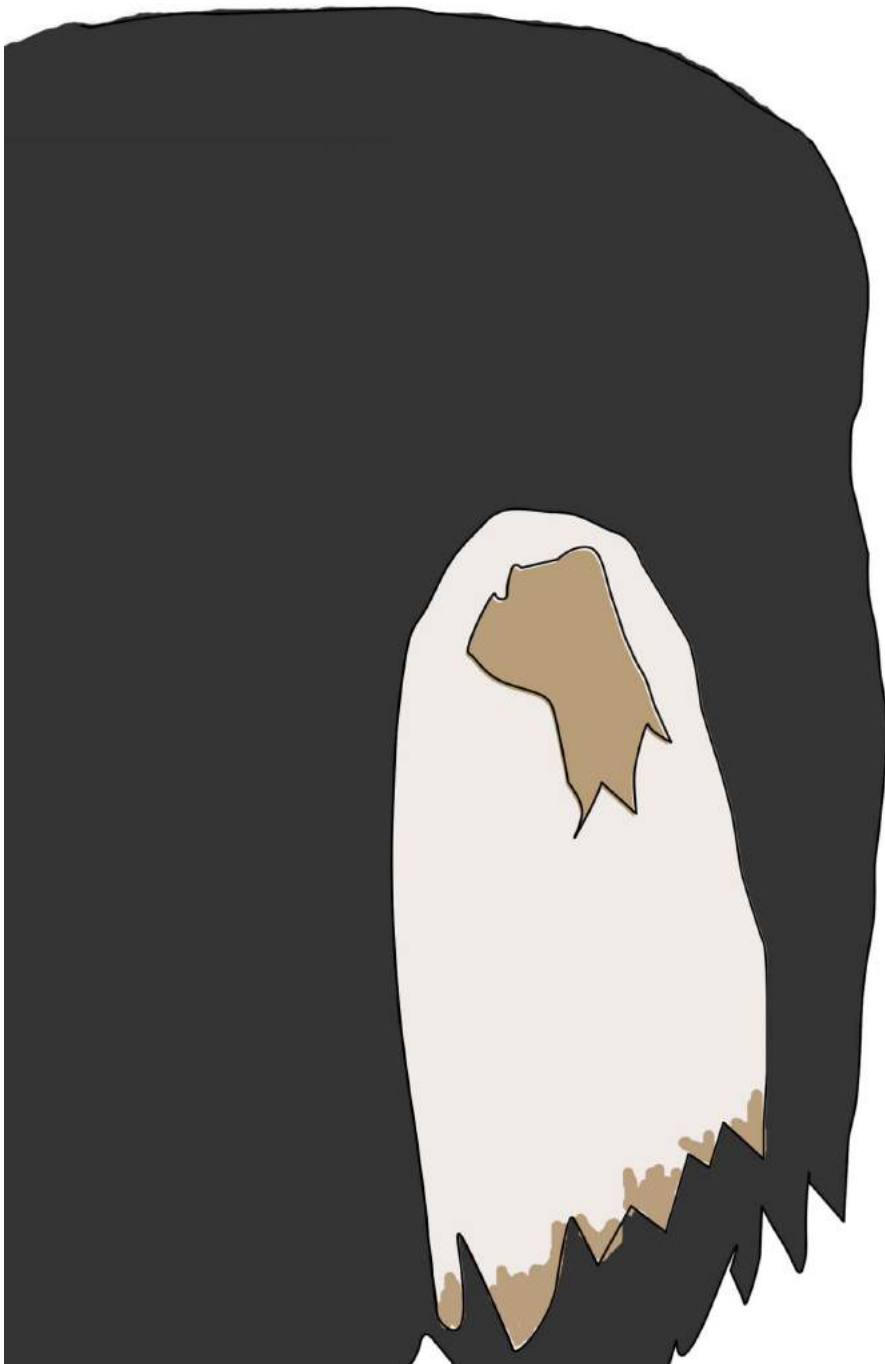
We can have  
eyes with two  
different  
colors.



Our eyes can be  
golden, amber, light  
brown, dark brown,  
green, blue, orange,  
or marbled.

# Hey... where is my tail?

No worries, I was born without a tail. It is called a natural dock.



Some of us have their tails docked when pups.

OUCH!

Aussies can also have beautiful fluffy tails. We hope this look gets popular.

It might be fun to have a tail.

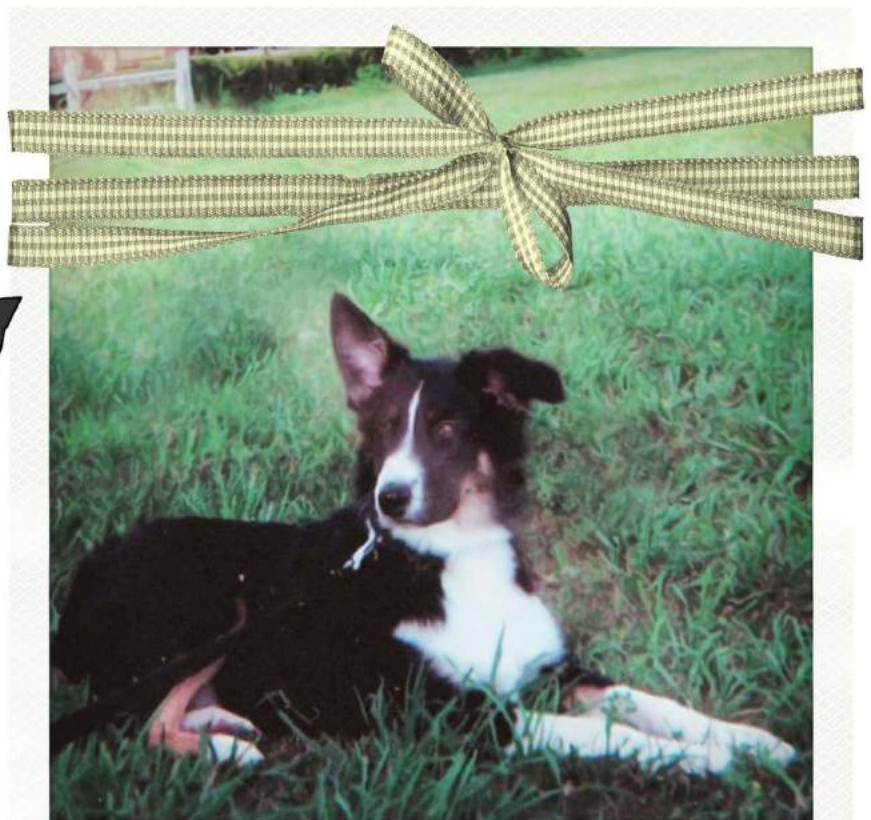




Most Aussies like their ears down and floppy.

This is a funny picture of me with one ear **up** and one ear **floppy**. I look so confused!

I decided I looked better with mine up.



Kala 7 months

Some of us work for a living.

My cousin is the mascot for the Milwaukee Courier Company.

He loves his job. They pay him with bones.

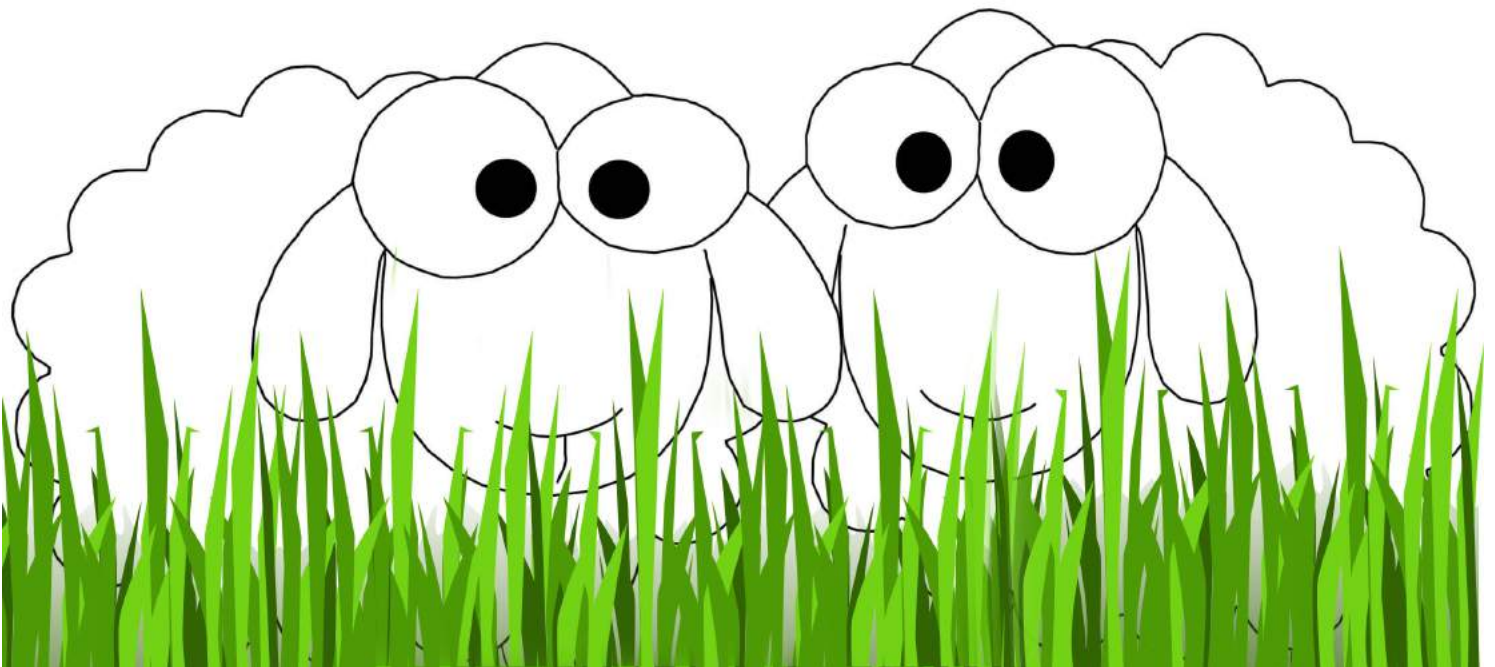


What a sweet deal!

Ranchers and farmers love us.

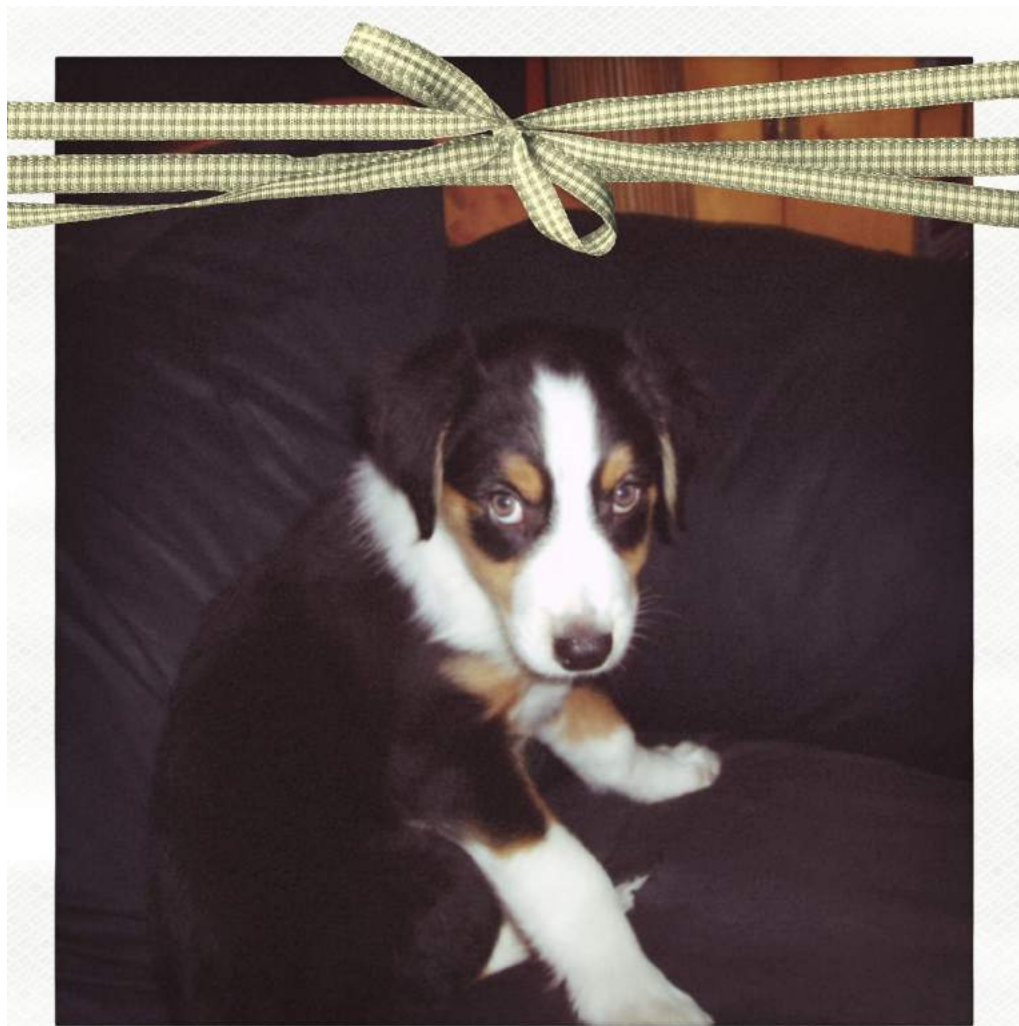
We have a lot of energy and can  
work all day.

Kode was born on a farm.



We may be happy to share the couch with you. But remember ...

we are not couch potatoes!



My Cousin

4 months





Aussies love to play. We always have a stock pile of balls, sticks, and frisbees.





Some of us are high fliers.  
We can really jump!

Being herding dogs, we love  
to chase *anything*!

We play



to win.

But wait -  
you want to know about me?



As I remember, it was just another day

...

One minute I am outside playing with my dad.

The next minute I am in a car with a guy name Joe. That's right, I finally get my own home.

Wow! I became so excited, I got sick all over the car seat.





Joe said I needed to go to the doctor and get my checkup.

My tests didn't look too good.

The place I was born didn't take very good care of us. She had too many puppies.

My doctor said Joe rescued me just in time.





I was scared Joe wouldn't want me because I was so sick.

I did what any little pup would do - I got sick all over the exam table.

I started to shake.



Joe picked me up and said "no worries, we are family now".

I got all my shots. I took all my medicine, even the stuff that tasted really bad. I worked really hard at getting better.

One day I got nervous while Joe was away.



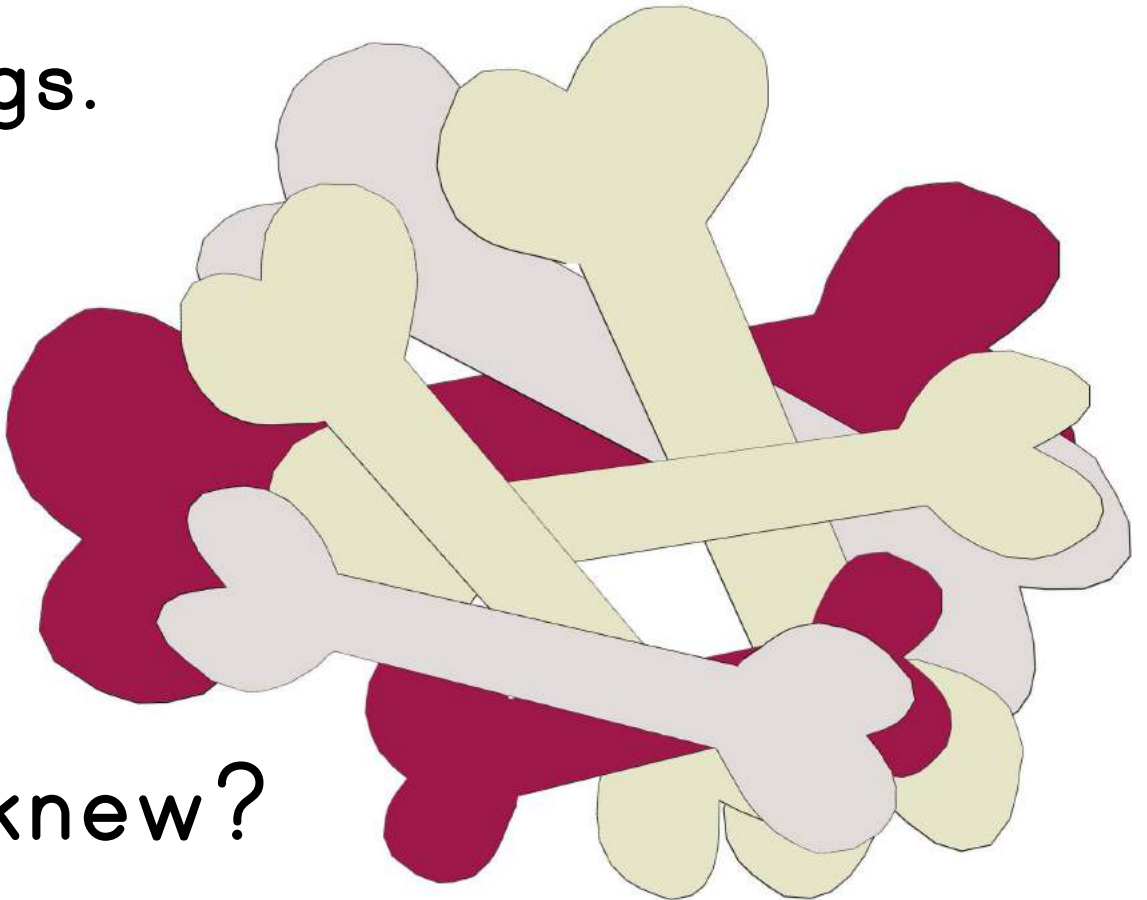
I chewed a huge hole in the rug under the bed.

Joe got really mad.

I thought "This is it. It's back to the puppy farm for me."

Next thing I know, my house is filled with bones.

Turns out bones taste better than rugs.



Who knew?

I did get stronger but it took a long time. I ended up with a twitchy leg from being so sick.

My leg shakes even now when I get excited or nervous.



Joe says that's OK.



Kala      Teething

I still think about my dog family.

I hope they all found someone  
like Joe to love them.



Floppy ears, straight ears, green eyes, blue eyes, with tail, or no tail.

WE ARE PERFECT  
just the way we are.

We are all different and unique.

This is what makes us all so **special**.





I hope you enjoyed my story  
about being an Aussie.

Want to read more stories of  
my real adventures?





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