

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS BOOKLET



OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the game is to dig underground. Find bones and achieve **victory** by any barks possible. Each bone is worth a certain amount of points. The game lasts 3 rounds.

SETUP:

- 1. Take the deck of bones (cards), shuffle, and spread them face-down on the table in any manner. That is everyone's dogpile, and it must be left untouched until play happens.
- 2. Set up the timer for:
 - a) 1st round 30 seconds
 - **b)** 2nd round 20 seconds
 - c) 3rd round 10 seconds

Before play, dogs (players) must put their paws (hands) up to head level. (Arrow)

3. Once the dogs are ready, start the timer and begin play.

RULES of PLAY:

At any time during the round, a dog can:

- a) **DIG** Turn over any bone from the dogpile, only the dogpile. Put it back in any spot on the pile (face-up or face-down) or keep it in one of their paws.
- b) BURY Return a bone from their paws back to the pile in any spot (face-up or facedown). There can be a maximum of 3 bones in total between both their paws. If you have 3 bones, bury one before digging another
- c) Once the timer hits 0, the round ends and a dog must:
 - **1.** Stop digging and burying
 - 2. Show their pawed bones to everyone.
 - **3.** Count their loot (score) using the bones' values + any accomplished feats.
- d) Once everyone's loot is known, every dog puts their loot aside for safekeeping, away from the dogpile.
- e) SNIFF The dog with the lowest amount of points in a round may pick up and look at any 3 bones from the dogpile. Pass these to the dog to the left, who shuffles them and puts them back separately face-down to the dogpile in any spot. Tie each dog in the tie SNIFFS the dogpile.



VICTORY:

After 3 rounds, the game ends and the total loot of each dog is counted.

A dog can achieve victory in 2 ways (ties are allowed):

- BLACKJAW = Have a full loot (9 bones) and achieve under 21 points in total for the whole game. The LOWEST total wins.
- 2. FULLHOUND = If no dog has achieved the first condition, the dog with the HIGHEST total wins.

BONE VALUES:

The number on each numbered bone represents the bone's wroth.

Non-numbered bones:

J = 11 points Q = 12 points Joker = 0 points

A = 1 point

K = 13 points

DOG FEATS:

Achieving any of these amazing dog feats grants bonus points at the end of each round.

- a) 10 points = 3 of a collar (e.g. 3-3-3; K-K-K)
- b) 15 points = Straight fetch (e.g. hearts A-2-3; spades J-Q-K)
- c) 50 points = Boneathon (have at least 3 As or 3 2s in TOTAL loot):
- A boneathon cannot be achieved through a '3 of a collar'. The boneathon is instead counted as the latter and will only give 13 or 16 points respectively (1+1+1+10: 2+2:2+10). A further loot of an A or a 2 in the following round does not grant a boneathon.
- There are only two boneathons a game (A and Z). It is possible for a dog to achieve both and gain 100 bonus points.



