

# **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) 1<sup>st</sup> round 30 seconds
  - **b)** 2<sup>nd</sup> round 20 seconds
  - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



