

The Dogs in St. Johns

- *The successor to: "The Genesis of the Labrador"*.

Read the exciting and dramatic actions carried out by the dogs, when they tried to save as many of their fellows as possible from death.

The dog specie that, for more than 300 years, helped fishermen and hunters feeding their families, (and even had a great influence in the tremendous development of Newfoundland, also financial-ly), was suddenly unwanted and should be exterminated. The reason was, that the fishing industry was completely depressed. Many starved because of high unemployment. Therefore, Newfoundland decided to create new economies and jobs through sheep farming, as they have seen from back home in England, would create jobs related to sheep farming, namely meat production through the slaughter of sheep and wool production from the treatment of wool. They just forgot that Newfoundland is geographically placed in an arctic region, where sheep farming on a large scale is impossible.

St. John's Water Dog was accused of attacking and killing sheep in large quantities. Therefore, it should be drastically limited through eradication, to ensure sheep farming. Fishermen and hunters had their troubles with the authorities, as told in 'The Genesis of the Labrador'. Fishermen and hunters lost the battle and silently had to watch their beloved dog being destroyed. Truly the sheep died from frostbite and gangrene. They died of hunger and cold in the arctic climate due to bitter and harsh winters. In order to even get something to eat, they turned in to cannibals, where they ate their dead companions.

The dogs, had for a long time, sensed from their owners, that something was very wrong. They were no longer allowed to run free and play in the harbor or beach, as they used to when they were not out fishing or hunting. They were told to hide in sheds, fish shacks and under the inverse fishing boats. Here they crawled up on the opposite bench board and laid quietly until the fishermen came next morning and had to start fishing. The dogs understood nothing, but they did what they were told by their owner, a St. John's Water Dog is well known for its obedience and zeal.

It was a terrible time to live through for both humans and dogs, and especially the children cried every night when they could hear the shots from soldiers' guns. For every shot they knew there was one dog less. The dogs noticed, that from one day to the other, one or more of their fellows didn't arrive on the harbor, as they used to. Where have they suddenly gone ? They just couldn't understand!

The dogs decided to use their collective intelligence and knowledge about people and their behavior, and generated that knowledge to implement some intelligent and exciting action. They decided actively to fight against their worst enemies; bullets, poison, dog catchers, animal shelters, police and soldiers. In St. John's, many mysterious events happened that saved thousands of dogs from dying. There have never been any explanations for the events! Police investigations have never led to any solution, and no one has been charged. In St. John's the fishermen and hunters believe that it was the dogs, who were behind the incidents.

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