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Nina Dwyer of Jamaica Plain was with her dog, Odin, and others that she walks in Dorchester on Wednesday, which was National Dog Day.

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Wednesday is National Dog Day, and thousands of people from across the country have taken time out from their busy days to celebrate by posting puppy photos, videos, and shout-outs on social media. (In other words, it's not much different than every other day on the Internet.)

To help mark the occasion, here are some tail-wagging tidbits about the more than 10,000 dogs licensed in Boston:

- The most popular breed in the city is the Labrador retriever, according to a database of licensed dogs that the Globe obtained last June. The next most popular breeds were: chihuahua, golden retriever, Yorkshire terrier, shih tzu, boxer, pit bull, German shepherd, beagle, and dachshund.

- The most popular dog name in Boston was Bella, followed by Bailey, Lucy, Lola, and Max, according to the data. Rounding out the top 10 were: Buddy, Charlie, Maggie, Molly, and Riley.

- There were also plenty of unusual monikers — 2,500 dogs had names that were entirely unique, from Aaliyah to Zylar. There was only one Chewbarker, one Harry Potter, and one Taco Bella.

- Most dogs were between 2 and 4 years old. Some were as young as just several months old; more than 100 were 15 or older.

- Most owners — about 85 percent of them — had just one licensed dog. But other owners had more. Some had up to four dogs.

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