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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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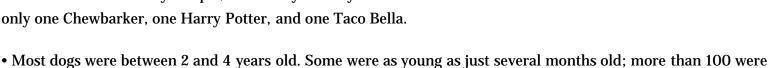
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Wednesday is National Dog Day, and thousands of people from across the country have taken time out from their busy days to celebrate by posting puppy photos, videos, and shout-outs on social media. (In other words, it's not much different than every 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 Zyler. There was only one Chewbarker, one Harry Potter, and one Taco Bella.



• 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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