



A HISTORY OF DOMUS

Version 1

Description: 61% the size of Earth, but with enough mass for 0.9 g's of gravity. The days are 22.2 hours long. Early estimates place it around 4 billion years old.

Surface: Earth-like with biomes ranging from subtropical to temperate zones.

Environment: Seasonal storms and occasional volcanic/tectonic activity. Similar to Earth, but nothing too severe.

Civilization: Dog-kind is divided up into dozens of countries/territories with different forms of government and ideologies.

HISTORY

Humans Arrive

- Having detected a world teeming with natural crystals, humans establish a portal link and start building a mining colony.
- A crisis on Earth causes the humans to abandon the planet in a hurry, leaving much behind
 - including many dogs.

The Wild

The humans are gone. The dogs run free.

Hunt and Gather

Intelligence grows. Language and society has its first steps.

- Dogs spread across the planet. Resources are plentiful the world over.
- Legend of the first Lightning Dog spreads and solidifies a culture that is trying to understand the world around them. (The dog was not afraid).
- Storytellers utilize rough descriptions of cats as villains. There's no creature like them on this world, but memories of a timeless rivalry linger.



Gods from the Past

Artifacts from humans influence dog culture and define different regions' culture.

- Master worship begins. Dogs living around Master structures see/hear/feel/smell strange things. Fear begins to dictate their actions.
- Deep in an ancient cave, some unwitting dogs find a human laser cutting tool. One of them is accidentally killed. They flee and report to an elder that they found a weapon of the gods.
- Master "weapons" discovered. Used to decide the outcome of religious wars.
- Shih Tzu writes The Bark of War. New dog philosophy starts.

Inquisition

Who understands the Masters best? Those with the lasers decide.

- Religious focus turns into a Catholic-like culture of cathedrals and brings “civilization” and law to the lawless - whether they want it or not.
- Conversely, a broad acceptance of polytheistic Master culture allows for a Roman-like culture to arise simultaneously. Two divided cultures.
- A holy artifact scholar begins to doubt the "magic" of these ancient relics and puts forth that there may be a natural reason. Bad for him. Good for everyone else.

Age of Enlightenment

The rise of scientific understanding.

- In an early experiment with Master tech, an explosion melts a prototype machine and sediment alike. This unexpected result reveals the still untapped power of the crystals and makes way for more experimentation and critical thinking. After small successes, dogkind begins to understand the materials in their tech -it's slowly becoming less magical and more scientific.
- Primitive radio devices and telecommunication devices are created. These become instrumental in sharing new ideas and waging civil wars or small rebellions. It inspires and destroys.
- Smaller principalities rule with multiple Alphas, creating a new method of society: democratic representation. A republic.



Industrial Revolution

Dogs begin manufacturing the means to use crystal tech. A "steampunk-like" culture arises.

- Advances in mass transit and production improve life for millions.
- First Dog Flight. A terrier takes to the skies in a rudimentary Master-inspired aero-craft.
- Scratch n' sniff becomes instrumental in advertising and print media experiences.
- Canine cinema debuts. The Lightning Dog releases to thunderous applause.
- Inspired by the thrill of trying to catch his tail, Cornelius P Chase uses the recently created "car" for "Chase Car," a competition of speed around an oval track.
- One of the last great feats in this wondrous age: supersonic travel is made possible.

The Great War

A totalitarian force with some degree of zealotry aggressively takes on the rest of the "free world".

- Canine television shows great inequality across the world and asks "Why?"
- The Supreme Alpha is assassinated.
- The Supreme Alpha's son takes over and rallies the nation against the "rebellion".
- Battle lines are drawn as nations remove themselves from the monarchy or swear fealty to the new Alpha. The process lasts months and causes rebellions across the globe.
- The Bombing of Lycos. A major blow is dealt to the free dogs when Lycos' capital city is bombed by a new craft with a hitherto unknown weapon. The horrors of war and the wrath of church and state are seen by the world on TV, shaking both sides.
- The Battle of the Empty Bowl. An extended engagement between forces each cut off from their respective supply lines, resulting in starvation. A battle of attrition.
- The new Alpha is removed from power and executed for war crimes.
- Persons from within the monarchy are appointed by the victors. An uneasy truce is met. War ends.
- The new government discovers that monarchy kept many secrets about Master tech.
- The new government decides to keep much their findings a secret... for the greater good.



High Society

Pinnacle of Canine Culture.

- Work on the Farfetch project begins shortly after the end of the war.
- BarkNet (Internet) is available to all dog kind.
- Dog government knows for a fact that they're running out of crystals. This is kept under wraps.
- Space exploration program is founded.
- The Lightning Dogs travel to Earth.