

Australia, the Land Down Under



Cattle Dog Puppy

The Australian cattle dog is a breed of herding dog originally developed in Australia for driving cattle over long distances across rough terrain. In the 19th century, cattle farmer Thomas Hall crossed the dogs used in his parents' home of Northumberland, England with dingoes he had tamed. The resulting dogs were known as Halls Healers. It has either brown or black hair distributed fairly evenly through a white coat, which gives the appearance of a "red" or "blue" dog. It has been nicknamed a "Red Heeler" or "Blue Heeler" on the basis of this coloring, and its practice of moving reluctant cattle by nipping at their heels.

