

# BLINK AT HOME

## Counting Sled Dogs

### Can we count the sled dogs?

#### Skills to Develop

- + Counting
- + Number identification
- + Mathematical thinking

#### Materials

- + Sled dog photos [PDF]
- + Sticky notes
- + Pencil/crayon/marker

## WHAT TO DO

### During the Learning Activity

1. Look closely at the sled dog photos [PDF] one at a time. For each photo ask: *what do you see? What else can you see? What do you think is happening in this photo?*
2. Read the caption to your child to learn more about the photo.
3. Invite your child to count the number of dogs in the photo. Support your child's counting as needed by pointing and counting each dog in the picture or counting out loud along with them.
4. Invite your child to write the number of dogs they counted on a sticky note and attach it to the photo. Support your child as needed by writing the number lightly in pencil and having them trace the number in crayon or marker or asking them to write the number on their own.
5. Repeat this process with the other photos.
6. Discuss the photos as a whole to compare and contrast. Ask: *which photo has the most dogs? Which photo has the least dogs? Which photo is your favorite? Do any photos have the same number of dogs? Can you put the photos in order from fewest dogs to the most dogs?*

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### Extend the Fun

- + Count other objects in the photos, such as people, dog paws, or buildings.

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Sled dog sleeping in Jerry Austin's dog sled during the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race*  
Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Siberian sled dogs on Park Strip. Sled dogs in harness. Spectators stand behind rope watching dog race. Doris Lake and Natalie Norris with backs to the camera; c. early 1950s  
Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023*

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Child sits in snow next to sled dog named Tang.* Photo taken outside of University Center in Anchorage; 1983  
Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Ted Stevens at Rondy, VIP Dog Race. Feb. 18, 1978*

Steve McCutcheon, McCutcheon Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1990.14.5.Pol.4.777

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Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Madam Hoffman of Ruby.* Madam Hoffman with her sled dogs, Ruby, Alaska. 1920's John Urban Collection, Anchorage Museum, AMRC-b64-1-733

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Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Dick Tozier carries a bag of Purina dog food to feed sled dogs in the dog lot in Nome. 1973*  
Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Victor Katongan of Unalakleet and another man in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. 1975*  
Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023



# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Yup'ik children in Bethel watch dog races.*

Steve McCutcheon, McCutcheon Collection, Anchorage Museum, B1990.14.5.AkNative.23.250

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Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Dog team arrives in village along the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race with school children watching from the top of the snow bank. Joe Redington Sr. Family Collection, Anchorage Museum, B2006.023*

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



P-1614 Arctic Express Resting - Anchorage

Anchorage Museum of History & Art. Library & Archives.

*Arctic Express resting - Anchorage.* Musher with sled dog team at rest, Anchorage, Alaska c. 1940s.  
John Urban Collection, Anchorage Museum, AMRC-b64-1-743

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



*Leonhard Seppala and his sled dog team, winners of award for fastest in Alaska, at Nome, Alaska. 1915-1916?*

John Urban Collection, Anchorage Museum, AMRC-b64-1-759

# BLINK: COUNTING SLED DOGS

Sled dog photos: Print and use



**Anchorage Museum of History & Art. Library & Archives.**

*Dog team carrying last mail between Gambell and Savoonga by dogs.* Fur trader Ed Shepherd (left background) and Nathan Noongwook (right background) stand next to sled holding Adventurers Club of New York flag, as last U.S. mail run via dogsled in Alaska prepares to go from Gambell to Savoonga on Saint Lawrence Island. Nathan Noongwook was father of Chester Noongwook, who made the last mail run. 1963. Ward Wells Collection, Anchorage Museum, AMRC-wws-1867-C-82