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About 200 years ago these big, white and black dogs were spotted on the island Newfoundland by European fishermen. The 'dogs of Newfoundland' were present on the island in great numbers and helped the fishermen by towing nets out the water to the mainland. They also helped to bring people who threatened to drown, to safety. Because of their appealing appearance and high swimming skills these giants were brought to England by the European fishermen.

It is believed that around 1770 these dogs have been exported to England in great numbers. However, these dogs were seen and reported much earlier.

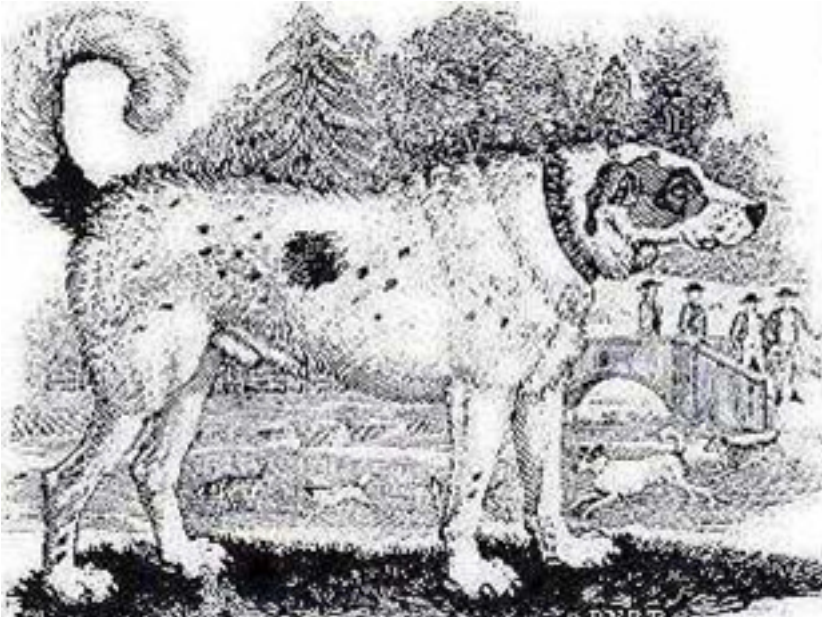
These dogs were originally much higher and with longer legs than nowadays. Brought to Europe they were more than 110 cm high and were considered to be the tallest dog in the World. During the time Landseers were crossed with the Newfoundland which were much lower and their height decreased. Because of their impressive appearance and skills they were the subject of numerous books and paintings.

The first written reports of 'the dog of Newfoundland' are from 1732 by a "Person of Quality" in the book "The Gentlemen farrier". This is followed by "An History of the Earth and Animated Nature" dated 1774 written by Oliver Goldsmith. This is a very extensive and impressive description of 'the dog of Newfoundland'.

In 1778 the 'dog of Newfoundland' is first reported on our continent by E.A. Zimmerman. In 1790 Thomas Bewick's famous work follows: "A General History of Quadrupeds". His work contains a picture (drawing) of the dog.

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The *Byronic hero* and *Byronic hero* (a dog) is also the name of a famous English poet's description of



Turner, J.M.W. Rain, Steam, and Great Central Railway (1844). Oil on canvas. National Gallery, London. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/j-m-w-turner/rain-steam-and-great-central-railway>

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"The White and Black Dog" by Sir John Giltner, 1840. The dog is a Border Collie, a breed known for its intelligence and herding abilities.



"The Mastiff" by Sir John Giltner, 1840. The dog is a Mastiff, a breed known for its large size and protective nature.

