



Fernando
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<https://www.elhistoriador.com.ar/la-resistencia-de-fernando-por-felipe-pigna/>

FERNANDO was a well-known STRAY dog who lived in ARGENTINA in the 1950s. He became known among the PEOPLE of the city for going to cafes, CONCERTS and special events. He never missed a SHOW!

Spell STRAY CITY PEOPLE

Who are we learning about today? FERNANDO

Where did he live? ARGENTINA

Fernando never missed a _____ SHOW

Name one place Fernando liked to go. CAFES, CONCERTS, EVENTS

In what decade did Fernando live? 1950s

Show me Argentina on the world map.



The story goes that in 1951, a white MUTT (dog of mixed breeds) approached Fernando ORTIZ, a traveling SINGER who was performing that night. He then followed Mr. Ortiz to the HOTEL where the musician was staying. The dog went to sleep behind the PIANO and then started hanging around him. Fernando Ortiz named the dog after himself and began taking him to his concerts. Soon it was clear that the dog liked MUSIC.

Spell HOTEL PIANO PERFORMING

What's a word for a mixed breed dog? MUTT

Where was the musician staying? HOTEL

It was clear that the dog liked _____ MUSIC

What was Fernando Ortiz's profession? MUSICIAN, SINGER

When did the dog and the singer meet? 1951

Fernando attended concerts, parties, WEDDINGS and festivals. He was always welcome and had a place right up front. Fernando would sit next to the BAND and wag his tail in APPROVAL. But if someone missed a note or was out of tune, he would growl, howl, or leave! He even disapproved of a famous pianist who gave a RECITAL (concert) in the main theater of the city. Fernando sat right under the grand piano and growled a couple of times

during one song. The pianist got up from his chair at the end and admitted, "He's right. I was wrong TWICE."



http://www.rincondelpoeta.com.ar/cuento_fernando.htm

Spell BAND WEDDING WRONG
Fernando always had a place up _____. FRONT
How did he show his approval? WAG
Another name for a concert is _____. RECITAL
Who admitted he had played wrong? PIANIST
How many times did the pianist make a mistake? TWICE
How many times is twice? 2
What would he do if he didn't like the music? GROWL, HOWL, LEAVE

When he wasn't attending EVENING shows, he had a usual ROUTINE around town with his FRIENDS. He would generally have coffee with milk and BREAD for breakfast with the manager of the National BANK. He ate lunch at a RESTAURANT. He took an afternoon nap at the doctor's house and liked to chase cats in the PLAZA (square, park). He was everyone's dog and no one's dog.

Spell ROUTINE FRIENDS EVENING
Fernando had breakfast with the manager of the _____ BANK
Where did Fernando eat lunch? RESTAURANT

He liked to chase _____ CATS

A square or park is also called a _____ PLAZA

What's one thing he had for breakfast? COFFEE, MILK, BREAD

The opposite of evening is _____ DAY, MORNING

Show me Fernando's coffee cup.



<http://historiaderesistencia.blogspot.com/2014/11/el-perro-fernando.html>

When Fernando died, he was buried near a city MUSEUM he liked to visit. There you can see a STATUE that says "To Fernando, a white doggie who, wandering the streets of the city, awoke in countless HEARTS a BEAUTIFUL feeling."

Spell HEARTS BURIED BEAUTIFUL

He was buried near the city _____ MUSEUM

What type of art can you find near the museum? STATUE

What color was Fernando in real life? WHITE

Fernando awoke a beautiful _____ in people's hearts. FEELING

Below are two statues of Fernando. Point the statue that's made of colorful tiles.



[https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_\(perro\)](https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_(perro))



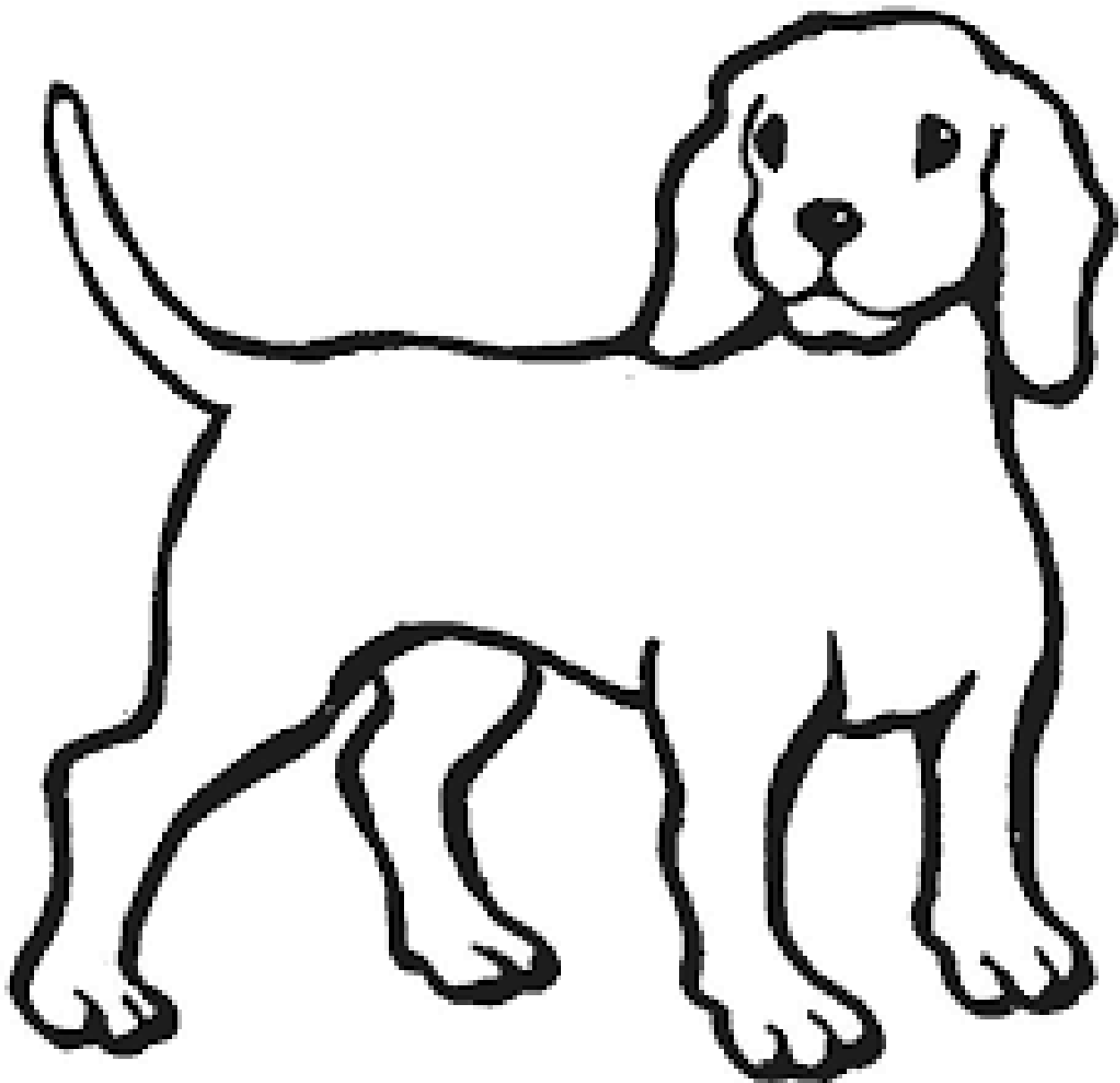
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Since his death, Fernando has received many **TRIBUTES** (a gift showing gratitude) from musicians and **ARTISTS**, such as the statues above. Another tribute was a song **DEDICATED** to Fernando. In one of the entrances to the city where he lived, you can read a **SIGN** greeting **TRAVELERS**. It says: Welcome to Resistencia, city of Fernando.

Spell **ARTISTS** **DEDICATED** **DEATH**
What is a gift showing gratitude? **TRIBUTE**
What do you call someone who takes a trip? **TRAVELERS**
What greets travelers at the city entrance? **SIGN**

Listen to the song **Callejero (Stray)** by Alberto Cortez, dedicated to Fernando
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wb9wUtAJ5es> (1:05)

While we are listening to the song, let's make a mosaic of Fernando by tearing and gluing bits of paper to this dog outline.



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