

# The Real Life Meaning Behind Scooby Doo?

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## Introduction/ Background

Scooby Doo is a widely known cartoon character in the show *Scooby Doo Where Are You?* 1969. After doing some extensive research on his character along with the type of animal he is, I found many real live connections between the two.

## Research Question / Thesis / Hypothesis

My research question is who is Scooby Doo and what is the real life meaning behind his character? The answer to this question is that Scooby Doo is a dog cartoon character who hunts ghosts and solves mysteries. Scooby Doo is a Great Dane, and in real life this breed of dog was believed to ward off ghosts and bad spirits.

## Evidence

Dogs are very commonly referred to as man's best friend. In the cartoon *Scooby Doo Where Are You?* 1969, teenager Shaggy and Scooby are best friends.



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Great Danes (the same breed of dog as Scooby Doo) are believed to possess the ability to ward off ghosts and evil spirits. In the cartoon, Scooby Doo hunts ghosts and solves mysteries with his four human friends.



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Great Danes were used in Germany centuries ago for hunting and protection. In this picture, you can see Scooby holding Shaggy who is very clearly frightened.

Scooby Doo is a popular cartoon character from the show *Scooby Doo, Where Are You!* Which was first released in 1969 from Hanna-Barbera productions. Scooby Doo's character was voiced by Don Messick in almost all of his television appearances until he unfortunately passed in 1997. All together, Scooby Doo has been in 45 films and 14 television series.

## Conclusions

Due to these connections, it can be concluded that Scooby Doo is unlike many other cartoon characters in the sense that his character was very well thought out and has many underlying real-life connections. Scooby Doo is not only a dog, but also a friend, just like many Great Danes are to their owners.

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## Further Information

The character of Scooby Doo most likely had a lot of thought and research put into it before creation. After doing my research over the span of this semester, I was shocked to find out how many connections there were between Scooby Doo's character and Great Danes.