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## GONE TO THE DOGS IN ANCIENT INDIA

Dem Hunde, wenn er gut gezogen, Wird selbst ein weiser Mann gewogen. Ja, deine Gunst verdient er ganz und gar, Er, der Studenten trefflicher Skolar. (Goethe, *Faust* I 1174ff.)

Dogs are no cynosure in Indian life, as are cows,<sup>1</sup> but according to the Jātaka belong to the world of men<sup>2</sup> and play a more differentiated role than other animals, as is shown below by the many words for 'dog' in literature (see under 2.1 and 2), the quantity of references and stories collected here, and last but not least: the great epic begins and ends with a dog story. To quote Satya Prakash Sarasvati, "dog is neither regarded <as> a domestic animal nor <as> a wild creature" (1988: 304); he gives no source for this, but dogs are not one of the seven

2 (Yakkhiniyo) tesam (bhinna-nāvānam) "manussa-vāsam āgat' amhā" ti samjānan'-attham .... manusse go-gane sunakhe ..... dassenti, Ja II 128,2; cf. Mahāvamsa VII 10 gāmamhi vijjamānamhi bhavanti sunakhā. See also Weber 1885: 227. The narrow relation between humans and dogs is shown by the latter being put on a par with cāndālas, the lowest of the former (see below under 2.4 dog's flesh), and in sacrifices to rākṣasas (see 3.5) may even replace them, as with deities in Upper Guinea (Africa) (Frank 1964: 137). – For dogs of the gods see 2.3 and 3.5.

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<sup>1</sup> This is well-known, of course, yet the extent, in the form of the violent reaction on a scholarly book as D.N. Jha's *The Myth of the Holy Cow*, and even of death threats to its author, which necessitated the publication in London, 2002 (see preface, p. xii), is surprising. – Of similar importance were dogs in the Hittite empire (Collins 2002: 242) and in ancient Iran (Spiegel 1878: 657).

kinds of domestic animals mentioned by Baudhāyana in Caland's note on PañcavBr II 7,5,8 <sup>3</sup> and wild dogs or dholes are a species of their own, whereas a dhobi's dog belongs neither to the house nor to the riverside.<sup>4</sup> At any rate, for the ancient Indians, as against, e.g., for the Spanish in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century,<sup>5</sup> it was not necessary to describe what a dog was. The following lines intend to sketch their relation to humans and their fellow quadrupeds and birds from the ancient sources, as was done exhaustively for Greek and Latin literature long ago.

The material for this article has been collected accidentally over many years and will be treated in the following approximate scheme, but despite cross references, overlapping cannot always be avoided:

- 1. dogs in the Indus civilisation;
- dogs in historical times in India; 2.1 designation; 2.2 kinds (housedog-watchdog, hound, war dog, pariah, dhole); 2.3 colour and properties of fur; 2.4 parts of the body and their use; 2.5 bodily functions; 2.5.1 nutrition; 2.5.2 excreted substances; 2.5.3 diseases; 2.6 nature and behaviour; 2.7 dogs and other animals;
- cynanthropic relations; 3.1 general relation; 3.1.1 treatment of dogs; 3.1.2 use of dogs (guard; chase; play; war; draught animal; bestiality); 3.1.2.1 utensils; 3.1.3 names of dogs; 3.1.4 dogs in human names; 3.1.5 dogs in names of other animals; 3.1.6 dogs in place names; 3.1.7 treatment by dogs; 3.2 similes; 3.2.1 dogs in abuse; 3.3 dogs in art; 3.4 dogs in literature; 3.5 dogs in religion and superstition; 3.5.1 dogs of gods; 3.5.2 cynomantics; 3.5.3 magic; 3.5.4 reincarnation; 3.5.5 canine cult; 3.6 cynotherapy;
- 4. bibliography.

<sup>3</sup> Cow, horse, goat, sheep, man (!), donkey and camel. – Upadhyaya's statement "There were domesticated big dogs (*śvāgaņi*) kept by the fowlers for purposes of sport" makes no sense as a summary of Raghuvaņśa 9,53 *śvāgaņi-vāgurai*h ... *viveśa sa* ... *vanam* 'he entered the forest accompanied by hunters with packs of dogs, and fowlers.'

<sup>4</sup> Dhobī kā kuttā kā sā na ghar kā na ghat kā (Yule / Burnell 1903: 312). Premchand, Godān 1987: 155.

<sup>5</sup> *Mamífero ... con la cola de menor longitud que las patas posteriores, una de las cuales levanta el macho para orinar* (Diccionario de la Lengua Española. Madrid, 1925).

#### 1. DOGS IN THE INDUS CIVILISATION

As bones discovered in the Indus valley<sup>6</sup> show the people kept various kinds of domestic dogs, representations of which have been found in copper/bronze, soapstone and especially in terracotta. Though it is difficult to ascribe breeds, as can be proved by the copper dog found in Lothal,<sup>7</sup> a pariah dog and a kind of greyhound or Afghan seem identifiable on the basis of these bones and some soapstone figures, as Ardeleanu-Jansen<sup>8</sup> states with reference to Zeuner.<sup>9</sup> A third species was recognized by Marshall (l. c.) as a hunting dog. Mackay<sup>10</sup> also assumed three kinds of dogs domesticated in Mohenjo-Daro: (1) A mastiff-like type with a tightly twisted tail, lop ears, and a short powerful muzzle, which seems to be the same species of dog found in Mesopotamia. Hermanns (1952: 156) identified it as resembling the Tibetan dog<sup>11</sup> and further saw in the terracottas a small terrier and a dachshund. (2) A species with a longer face, upright tail and prick ears seen also on archaic Elamite sealings and resembling the present day pariah dog. (3) A dog with a compact body, curled tail, short legs, large hanging ears and a short head, a type not unlike the pye-dog or the hound used in Sind today. This kind of dog closely resembles the

<sup>6</sup> Marshall 1931: 650-1.

<sup>7</sup> Mode 1959, plate 53; Yule 1985, plate 2 figs 16–21 (some dogs show a collar).

<sup>8</sup> Ardeleanu-Jansen 1993: 159f.

<sup>9</sup> Zeuner 1967: 88 working from the small statues published by Marshall 1931: 28, plate xcvi. Whereas these figures are roughly modelled and were evidently made by children, no 17 is in Marshall's view the only well-made exception, and almost exactly resembles the English mastiff of to-day. A very similar type of dog, he adds, is used at the present day in Sind for worrying boar, the unfortunate quarry being tied to a post and bitten to death by three or four dogs (Text vol., p. 348). For this see also Mānasollāsa II 4,1324ff. (p. 266), where the boar is not tied, but pierced by spears and arrows before the dogs catch it by the neck and devour it.

<sup>10</sup> Mackay 1938: 286, cf. Varāhamihira's description of a *kukkurī* below under 2.3 (note 146).

<sup>11</sup> See already Albrecht 1903: 19ff. and now on the internet: www.do.khyiclub.ch. Some hold this dog to be the living ancestor of the Canis familiaris, see Lilja 1976: 11 and Crooke 1906: 143.

bull-dog. Mackay thinks that the mastiff-like animals were kept as pets, and in some cases for hunting or as watchdogs, as is suggested by a broken pottery model of a dog with a collar, fastened by a cord to a post, and reproduced by Marshall,<sup>12</sup> who considers the latter kind of pet or guard somewhat too fierce to be allowed to run free.<sup>13</sup> Mixed beings like a rhino with a dog's head also occur.<sup>14</sup>

The many figurines make us think about their meaning. For Marshall and Mackay (l. c.) dogs might have been objects of worship, and in this context the former<sup>15</sup> refers to a rite of the Bhils who shaped dogs out of flour, cooked and worshipped them in order to subsequently eat them like totems, according to Marshall. The present untouchability of dogs could originate from their being sacred and thus untouchable. Worshipped or not, the figurines excavated in Harappa show dogs with leash and bag, proof that the animals were kept as domestic animals and for the chase.<sup>16</sup>

#### 2. DOGS IN INDIA IN HISTORICAL TIMES

#### 2.1 Designation

The only word for 'dog' in the Rgveda is *śvan*, which in Pāli is represented by *sā*, *suna* (rare), *sunakha*<sup>17</sup>, *supāņa*, *suvāņ/na*, *soņ/na* and in Prākrit by *sā*<sup>18</sup>, *sāņa*, *suņa*(*ga*), *suņaya* and *suņaha*.<sup>19</sup> The Cūrņī on Sūyagada 1,3,1,8 defines *śvan* by way of a popular etymology as *śvasitîti suņī* 'a bitch is called so because she groans'.

<sup>12</sup> Marshall 1931, plate xcvi,17.

<sup>13</sup> Marshall 1931 (text): 348.

<sup>14</sup> Yule 1985, figs 416f.; Franke-Vogt 1991, plate xxx 199, 202.

<sup>15</sup> Marshall 1931: 74.

<sup>16</sup> Vats 1940: text, pp. 38 and 305; plate lxxix, 48; Urban/ Jansen 1987: 280 fig. C 128. – In ancient Babylon small clay dogs have been found, which were deposited at various places in the house and had an apotropaeic function (Wiggermann in Stol 2000: 239).

<sup>17</sup> Popular etymology ('with good claws'), also in Prākrit *suņaha*. See Bhayani 2005: 182.

<sup>18</sup> In sā-vaya (Oha-Nijjutti 740) for sāņa-vaya (OhaN 738), Sa. śvā-pada.

<sup>19</sup> Hāla 138, 175.

In a dark spell AV vii 95,2 also uses non-aryan kurkura, which is either an onomatopoeia or has a Dravidian origin.<sup>20</sup> In the stanza, someone's śyāvau vithurau (?) are compared to howling dogs (kurkuráv iva kújantau).<sup>21</sup> The fact of their being mentioned together with wolves<sup>22</sup> and, in vs 1, vultures points to brown pariah scavengers or pye-dogs<sup>23</sup>, cf. Mbh cr.ed. 5, 139, 51 *śva-grdhra-kurarâkule* .... yajñe and for parallels in Homer's Iliad see Lilja 1976: 17. In later literature kurkura and its assimilated form kukkura are frequent.<sup>24</sup> In Pāli, kukkura usually is a (young) dog of fierce character (PED).<sup>25</sup> The Jātaka commentator explains kukkura by sunakha 'for just as flow-warm urine is called putrid piss (and) a jackal born the same day is called an old (i.e. adult) jackal ..., so also a centenarian dog is called a cub.<sup>26</sup> In the Mrcchakatika I 28 the Saurasenī kukkula appears and. in I 52, a short form kukka, both used by Śakāra, the king's wicked brother-in-law, who does not speak Sanskrit.<sup>27</sup> The Milindapañha 67.28 has another rare form: kukkurini 'bitch'.<sup>28</sup>

- 22 Wolves and dogs are often together, even in the underworld in SpBr 11,5,1,8 (Arbman 1928: 215).
- 23 The word pye- < Hindī pāhī 'outsider' [COD].
- 24 Burrow 1948: 375.

- 26 Kukkurā ti (...) sunakhā, yathā hi dhār'-unho pi passāvo "pūti-muttam" ti, tad-ahu-jāto sigālo "jara-sigālo"(...) vuccati, evam evam vassa-satiko pi sunakho "kukkuro" ti vuccati (Ja I 177,5ff.; cf. Mahāvīra's irrevocabile factum tenet of the identity of the action that is being performed and the completed action: kajjamāne kade on which see Deleu 1970: 84, 150f.).
- 27 *Kukkehi kukkīhi a vukkante jadhā śiālo* 'like a jackal being barked at by dogs and bitches'. Apparently, king Śūdraka was a dog fan, for dogs turn up frequently in the Mrcchakațika as we shall see, much more than in Kālidāsa's and Bhavabhūti's plays, or in Daņdin. Pischel (and Macdonell ?) take Śūdraka to be a *nom de plume* of Daņdin (Winternitz III 1963: 226 note 2), and Karmarkar agrees with them (ed. Poona, 1950, p. x), but dogs hardly occur in the Daśakumāracarita.
- 28 Yā tā santi sihiniyo pi byagghiniyo pi dīpiniyo pi kukkuriniyo pi, kim nu tā kakkhalāni aţţhikāni mamsāni khādanti 'Do not eat lionesses, tigresses, sheleopards (and) bitches eat hard bones (and) meat ?'

<sup>20</sup> Mayrhofer, EWAia; DEDR 1796.

<sup>21</sup> Thus Thieme, 1995: 821 "wie zwei [musikalisch] heulende Hunde," adding in a note that  $k \dot{u} jantau$  cannot refer to barking, nor hardly to growling (Whitney), but only to howling experienced as a kind of song, just as frog's croaking is compared to the recitation of brahmins in RV 7,103.

<sup>25</sup> E. g., AnguttaraN III 389,21 bhikkhu ... candam kukkuram parivajjeti.

Many words for 'dog', especially in indigenous lexica, refer to colour<sup>29</sup> or specific qualities of the animals, and could also be proper names. Examples of the former type are kapila<sup>30</sup>, Mahā-kanha<sup>31</sup> and perhaps viśva-kadru.<sup>32</sup> To the latter category belong a-rata-trapa 'not ashamed of copulation' (MW); asthi-bhaksa 'eating bones' (MW); asthi-bhuj 'idem' (Hemac, Abhidh 1279); Indra-maha-karman (MW) and °-kāmuka<sup>33</sup> 'occupied with, resp. longing after the Indra festival'; kaksa-śāya 'lying on dry grass' (MW)<sup>34</sup>; krta-jña 'grateful' (MW)<sup>35</sup>; *krtâlaya* 'one who takes up his abode in any place' (MW); kauleya-kutumbinī 'bitch' (MW < Kādambarī); cakra- and vakravāla-dhi 'curved-tail' (MW); cesta 'active'36; jihvā-pāvan 'drinking with the tongue' (MW); *jihvā-lih* 'licking with the tongue' (MW)<sup>37</sup>; damstra-śin 'biting' (MW); damstrâyudha 'using his protruding canine teeth as weapons'38; dirgha-jihvya 'long-tongued'39; dirghanāda 'long sounding' (MW); dīrgha-(su-)rata 'long in copulation' (MW); nitya-jāgarūka<sup>40</sup> 'always vigilant'; puro-gati and °-gāmin 'going before' (MW); bho-bhukka,<sup>41</sup> bhasa(ka) and bhasana 'barker'42; bhukkana 'woofer'43; bhūr-bhuva-kara (MW); rata-kīla

- 29 Cf. in English: greyhounds, negroes, redskins, whites; in French: *blancs*, *nègres*, *peau-rouges*.
- 30 Shriyan 1969: 106 (no 300).
- 31 Indra's charioteer Mātali transformed into a black dog, see further down.
- 32 Hemacandra, Abhidh 1281; Yaśastilaka II 192; MW lists as meaning 'wicked', but 'brown' for *kadru*, and Heimann (1931: 147) follows MW s.v. *viśvaka-dru* in the analysis of the cp. without trying to give a literal sense. This is difficult with *viśvaka* 'all-pervading' and *-dru*, which may be 'tree'> 'forest', in compounds: 'wild' ?; see also *rukkha-sunakha* further down.
- 33 MW, cf. Hemac, Deśin. 1,82. See Zachariae 1977 : 343.
- 34 The variant *kanka-śāya* 'sleeping like a heron' (MW) is probably only a corruption.
- 35 Hemavijaya, *Kathāratnâkara* 240,18. "'Mindful of favours' which is also a title of Śiva" (Crooke 1896: II 218).
- 36 Mbh 12,138,62 śva-cesta.
- 37 Cf. śva-lih 'lapping like a dog' in a scholion on Pāņini 8,4,42.
- 38 Rām 2,70,23 in MW; the NSP text of 1930, however, has damstra-yukta.
- 39 RV 9,101,1, perhaps a proper name, as Geldner takes it.
- 40 Somadeva, Yaśastilaka II 187,3 (Schmidt, Nachträge).
- 41 Ja VI 345,27\* (comm.: bhum-karana-sunakha).
- 42 Amarakośa 2,10,22 *śunako bhaşakah śvā*; Hemac, Trişaşti<sup>o</sup> 10,3,558 *bhaşana*; Alsdorf 1936: 81,2,9; Meyer 1937: 653,36 ff.; Shriyan 1969: 122.

(MW); rata-nārāca(ka) 'voluptuary' (MW); rata-vrana (MW); rataśāvin (MW); ratânduka (PWB) 'chain copulator'; ratâmarda (MW) 'pressing at or for copulation'; rasanā-lih 'licking with the tongue'<sup>44</sup>: rasa-pāvin 'idem' (MW): vakra-vāla-dhī 'with the tail curled up'<sup>45</sup>; *vāntâda* 'eating vomit'<sup>46</sup>; *vāsa-pāyin* 'drinker melted fat' (MW; better: 'enjoying marrow'); of vrkâri. vrkârāti 'wolf-enemy' (MW): vranânduka 'with many sores'47: śayālu 'sleepy' (MW); śava-kāmya 'fond of feeding on corpses' (MW); *śīghra-cetana* 'having quick intellect, sagacious' (MW) > 'fast reacting' (?): *śūra* 'brave': *Saramā-suta* 'son of S.'<sup>48</sup>: Sārameya 'idem'<sup>49</sup>; sva-jāti-dvis 'hating his own kind' (MW). There remain a number of words meaning 'dog', fem. 'bitch' in MW for which no etymology can be given as, e.g., alipaka (MW), kulâksutā (MW), jakuta, jukuta (MW), dha (MW), tu(m)barī, tūbarī, tumburī (MW), budha (MW), bhatila (MW), bhandila<sup>50</sup>, bhaluha<sup>51</sup>, bhal $lunk\bar{i}^{52}$ , bhavana (MW), mandala(ka)<sup>53</sup>, mandalik $\bar{a}$ , masuna (MW), rathyāmaya<sup>54</sup>, rudatha (MW), vanthara (MW), sala (MW), sara

- 46 Caraka, Sūtrasthāna 27,36. This ref. is to be added in MW.
- 47 Hemac, Abhidh 1280.
- 48 Comm. I 126,15 ad Yaśastilaka I 126,2.
- 49 RV 7,55,2; Mallişena, Syādvādamañjari (ed. Dhruva) 67,143; Mānasollāsa II 4,1301 et passim; Devendra on Uttar 22,42.
- 50 Yaśastilaka II 191,5.
- 51 CDIAL 9407.
- 52 Angavijjā 9, 282 (p. 69).
- 53 Deśīn 6,114; Hāla 664 with Weber's note 1881: 328; Pārśvanāthacaritra 3,1104; Brhatkathākośa 34,19; 55,297; 57,168; 58,13f.; 73,44, etc.; Yaśastilaka I 12,5; 434,3; II 184,5. See further Zachariae 1883: 66; Bloomfield 1923: 307 and 1923b: 224. Mayrhofer, *KEWA* II 559 declines a development of the Jain (?) meaning 'dog' from the ordinary meaning 'circle' and refers to the rare near-homonym *bhandila*, though one could think of the animal's habit of curling up, cf. JaiminīyaBr (ed. Caland. Bonn, 1919) 1,258 *te ha śvānam samveştitam śayānam upeyu*h. Recalling this passage Brereton 1997:1ff. draws attention to the form of the Vedic sacrifice which "forms a ring, in which its end recapitulates its beginning" like the sleeping dog which tucks its nose in its tail (p. 2).
- 54 Hemac, Deśin 7,4.

<sup>43</sup> Hemac, Deśīn 6,110.

<sup>44</sup> Rājaśekhara, Prabandha-kośa 72,5.

<sup>45</sup> Samarâditya-samkşepa 4,448.

(MW),  $s\bar{a}l\bar{u}ra^{55}$  and  $s\bar{u}caka$  (MW). – Schmidt 1928 wants *candra-maha* 'dog' in the PWB to be deleted. This may also be considered for *saṃsatta* in the Jain Kappasutta 44, where Tisalā<sup>56</sup> sees in a dream a celestial abode decorated with pictures of animals, viz, wolves, bulls .... yaks, *saṃsattā*, elephants, etc. Jacobi<sup>57</sup> thinks "that *s.* may be an adjective specifying the following word, and mean 'fighting' (elephants)", because in parallel clichés<sup>58</sup> the word in question is omitted. The comm. explains the word by *śvāpada-viśeṣa* 

Many words designate more than one genus. Thieme<sup>59</sup> thinks the reason for this phenomenon is that the Indians experienced their noises as melodious, as pleasant sounding: *alipaka* 'dog; bee; Indian cuckoo' (MW); *uccaih-svara* 'dog (MW < Varāha-mihira, *BṛhS*); horse'; *kapila, kavila* 'a kind of ape; a brown dog' (MW; Deśīn 2,6); *krodhin* 'dog; buffalo; rhino' (MW); *jihvā-pa* 'drinking with the tongue: a dog; cat; tiger; leopard; bear' (MW)<sup>60</sup>; *dussatha* 'dog; cock' (MW); *bhallūka* 'dog; bear; monkey'; *maņdalin* 'dog; cat; snake; chameleon' (MW); *yakṣa* 'idem; dog' (MW)<sup>61</sup>; *rudatha* 'dog; cock' (MW); *ruru* 'dog; kind of antilope' (MW); *vrka* 'dog; wolf' (MW); *vrka-damśa* 'wolf-biter, dog' (MW), 'cat'<sup>62</sup> (Schmidt, *Nachträge*); *sālūra* 'dog'<sup>63</sup>; *śālūra* 'frog' (MW); *śūra* 'lion, tiger or panther, boar, dog, cock' (MW); *huḍa<sup>64</sup> 'kukkura; meṣa'* (PSM). – Much has been written on the etymology of *Mātaríśvan* 'divine Fire, a name of

- 55 Ja IV 438,16\* sālūra-gaņa is 24' explained as sunakha-gaņa. Sa. śālūra, however, means 'frog' (MW).
- 56 This name is perhaps wrongly sanskritized in the traditon as Triśalā instead of \*Tṛṣalā (Bollée 2005 a: 7).
- 57 SBE XXII 1884: 237 note 2.
- 58 Viyāhapannatti (Ladnun, 1992) 11,138; Nāyā (Ladnun, 1974) 1,1,25; 89; 129; - 1,8,49.
- 59 Kleine Schriften II. 1995: 819.
- 60 See also Zachariae 1977: 343.
- 61 See also Cūrņī 60,2 suņayā jakkhā ad Sūyagada 1,1,4,5; comm. ad OBh 193 and BKBh 474 yakşāh śvānas. Taih śakatasyâkşo 'n-ekadhā jihvayôllikhitah. Sādhur api ca tatra grhņāti tam api ca bhojana-yogye pātre dāsyati tato "yakşôllikhane" yakşôllikhita-lepa-grahaņe .... and George 1991: 66 B 4.
- 62 Prabandhacintāmaņi 185,2 from bottom.
- 63 Ja IV 438,16\* °-saṃghaṃ ca nisedhayitvā (comm. 438,24: sunakha-gaṇaṃ). See also Goto 1982: 131.
- 64 Mrcchakațika 10,53\*.

Agni,' and Mayrhofer seems to favour the translation 'growing in the mother'<sup>65</sup>, i.e., the fire sticks. When in the Atharva-veda m. came to mean 'wind', Budhasvāmin could interpret it as 'whose mother is a bitch'.<sup>66</sup>

## 2.2 Kinds of dogs

As in Homer,<sup>67</sup> in ancient times no races are distinguished, but by the 12<sup>th</sup> century CE dogs are geographically differentiated.<sup>68</sup> Thus we hear of Abhīras (from NW India), Sevunas, Kahleras, Paryantas, Traigartas (from Trigarta, modern Lahore), Dugdhavātas, such from Karnāta(ka) and Andhra, jangle-dogs, dogs from Vidarbha (Madhyapradeśa), Tālanīras and from the bank of the river Taptī as heroic and strong. For more characteristics see under 2.3. Further, the animals can be called 'dogs' according to their use. Thus grha-pāla (PWB), grha-mrga (MW), rātri-jagara 'night-watcher' (MW < Lexx.) and  $v\bar{a}sa$ - $v\bar{a}la$  'dwelling protector'<sup>69</sup> are housedogs. To be like a housedog is kulapalāyate (MW). Gostha-śva<sup>70</sup>, the watchdog of cowsheds, barks at everyone, and the word thus received the metaphorical sense of 'a person who stays at home and slanders his neighbours, malicious or censorious person' (MW), cf. śvāna-vaikharī 'dog's speech, snarling like a dog on trivial occasions' (MW). Both *śva* and *kukkura* can be used as hunting dogs,<sup>71</sup> but dogs trained to the

- 67 In posthomeric literature at least 30 breeds of dogs are named (Peters 1998: 168).
- 68 Mānasollāsa II 4,1298 ff.
- 69 Norman, CP I 1990: 65. Cf., however, vāsavāra 'horse' (Deśīn 7,60).
- 70 Boehtlingk, *Indische Sprüche* 4979, 7322; Śālibhadracarita 5,9 (Bloomfield, *JAOS* 43 (1923): 288).
- 71 E. g., in Mbh (Poona, 1933) 14,55,16; AgniPur 156,10; Raghuvamśa 9,53 śva-gaņi-vāgurikaih ... viveša sa [Daśarathah] ... vanam; Somadeva, KSS 21,16; Rājataranginī 6,182; Atthasālinī 273,21 sunakha-luddaka; Sūyagada

<sup>65</sup> KEWA II 618.

<sup>66</sup> BKŚS 22,81 duḥśravam nāma śrūyate mahatām ... ucyate ... Mātari-śvêti Mārutah 'even great ones sometimes have names that hurt the ears ; that is why ... the god of Wind (Marut) is called M. (having a bitch as mother)' (R. M. Poddar & N. Sinha). In Sāyana ad RV I 161,13 śvāna means 'wind' (MW).

chase were called *ăkhetika* (MW < Lexx.) after *ākhetaka* 'hunting'<sup>72</sup> or, in literature, *āheduga-suņaya*,<sup>73</sup> *mrga-damśa*, *śālā-vṛka*<sup>74</sup> and *kauleyaka* 'hound'.<sup>75</sup> Thus as early as RV 8,55,3 a poet received inter alia a hundred dogs as an award, and for inside the palace Bharata was presented by his father with very big dogs with eye-teeth strong like those of tigers.<sup>76</sup> The latter canids were perhaps of the kind Herodotus I 192 mentions as being exported to Babylon and fed on grain.<sup>77</sup> According to Ctesias<sup>78</sup> they could cope with a lion.<sup>79</sup> Xenophon says in his Cynegeticus IX 1 and X 1 that one should have Indian dogs for deer and boar hunt, because they are strong, big, fast

- 72 Ākheṭakârthaṃ ye śuno bibhrati, te śvavantaḥ (Medhātithi ad Manu 4,216). Cf. āheḍailla 'hunter' in the comm. on OhaBh 124.
- 73 Haribhadra, Samar 97,16.
- 74 Somadeva, Yaśastilaka II 186,5 vikramâsarālasya vraja-pālasya sadmani mrga-damśa-vamśe sā madīyā candra-matir mātā java-sthāna-rūpâtirekair atiśayita-sakala-śālā-vṛka-lokaḥ kauleyako babhūva. Śālā-vṛka is also in Hemac, Abhidh 1280 and Triṣaṣți 3,539.
- 75 Agrawala 1963: 221 'domestic dog bred in a royal kennel'. PWB sub *kauleyaka* 'Hausgenosse' derives this word from *kula*, cf. AiGr II,2 507. This animal, however, first found in Pāṇini 4,2,96, is no housedog, but a hound; is it an abbreviation of \*°-*śunaka*? for which cf. *kola-suṇaga* in Amg. and *koleyyaka-sunakha* (Ja I 175,12). See further 3.1.2 note 559.
- 76 Antahpure 'tisamvrddhān vyāghra-vīrya-balôpamān dam strâyuktān śunah (Rām 2,70,20).
- 77 On stone mastiffs found at Persepolis see Cool Root in Collins 2002: 208. In Egypt hounds were also imported and in one case even their foreign names were translated (Hornung 1967: 83).
- 78 Jacoby 1958: 3 C, p. 488 line 18; Aelian, *Natura animalium* IV 19 and VIII 1 where the details of the dogs' viciousness demonstrated in the presence of Alexander the Great seem exaggerated and unbelievable.
- 79 Though not alone, see Diodorus Siculus, *Bibliotheca* XVII 92; Aelian, *loc. cit.* and Klever 1959: 215 re. Afghans. In Callimachus' *Hymn to Artemis* vss 91 ff. the goddess is said to possess six dogs able to drag home even lions, alive, by seizing them by the throat (Lilja 1976: 96). Cf. Crooke 1906: 142. A lion is no match for a dog in AV 4,36,6 as in Homer, *Iliad* 17,65 ff., but for Pindar a dog is  $\lambda \epsilon$ ov $\tau$ o $\delta \alpha \mu \alpha \zeta$  (fragment 239,2). Cf. Peters 1998: 169 and see also 3.4 p. 92.

<sup>2,2,28</sup> sovaņiy'-antie (comm. II 62 a 8 śvabhih pāparddhim kurvan mrgâdīnām antam karoti); – Rudradeva, 3,61 (Vāk 5 [1957] : 139) kukkuraih parito 'nvişya ciram āyāsya karkaśam vadhyate hi mrgah; AnguttaraN III 75,23 Licchavi-kumārakā ... kukkura-sangha-parivutā.

and full of ardour.<sup>80</sup> Lions, etc., and bears, however, are caught with poison and traps (XI 2f.). Viśva-kadru 'wholly brown' occurs also as a hound.<sup>81</sup> Straying pye-dogs are called *prāghūrnakah śvah*<sup>82</sup>, āmakamala<sup>83</sup>.  $gramina^{84}$ . racchamava. rathva-mrga<sup>85</sup> and perhaps grāma-sūkara.86 Of the word pye Yule/Burnell 1903: 747f. sav: "A familiar designation among British soldiers and young officers for a Pariah-dog: a contraction, no doubt, of the former word" and, quoting L. Kipling 1891: 266 "We English call (the pye) a *pariah*, but this word, belonging to a low, yet by no means degraded class of people in Madras, is never heard on native lips as applied to a dog, any more than our other word *pie*."87 On the pariah dog, which bears a close resemblance to the Indian wolf, and the Australian dingo, but for its tail, which is often curved over the back, and its variable coat colour. see Clutton-Brock 1965:6. For the Central and South Indian wild dog, Cyon dukhunensis (Cuon alpinus Pallas) or *dhole*,<sup>88</sup> references in ancient literature are rare and uncertain: Jacobi translated kola-sunava in Utt 19,54 by 'wild dog'89, cf. Gujaratī kol kutta.90 Other words are  $s\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ -mrga and °-vrka which Lüders rendered by 'wild dog' in the

- 80 Πρὸς δὲ τὸν ὖν τὸν ἄγριον κεκτῆσθαι κύνας Ἰνδικάς ... ἄρκυς, ἀκόντια, προβόλια, ποδο-στράβας. Κύων is always feminine here, but can also include male dogs. Yet it is interesting that in India as well animals used for something, e.g., riding, are often females, as in Bāņa's Kādambarī (Bombay, 1948) 562,1 upavāhya-kareņukā-°. Pupils as a rule will be male, but a bad one is compared to a bitch with sore ears (see below under 3.2 and 3.2.1 note 795). More about this in a forthcoming article. On the characteristics of hounds for the boar hunt see Mānasollāsa II, 4 vs 1324ff., cf. also Sundaracharya 1927: 74 (mrgadaṃsaka) and Peters 2005: 8 ff. For the dogs Mithra hunted with in Dura Europos see Frye 1965: fig. 94.
- 81 Yāska, Nirukta II, 3 and in mediaeval times (see below under 3.1.2, p. 65 f.).
- 82 Malayagiri 170 a 6 on PN 628 (mārjāryā) vadhāya pradhāvitah pr°.
- 83 Shriyan 1969: 108.
- 84 Harşac 213,6.
- 85 Hemac, Deśin 7,4 (rathyā-mrga). Picture in Zeuner 1967 : 79.
- 86 Stein 1985: 179 note 4.
- 87 See also Crooke 1906: 144.
- 88 The dhole differs from the other canidae: wolf, jackal, fox and domestic dog in that the third molar is missing in the lower jaw (Clutton-Brock 1965: 5).
- 89 This may be wrong, see below sub 3.1.2.
- 90 Prater 1971: 130.

Rāmāyaṇa,<sup>91</sup> but the reading is not certain and  $s\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ -vṛka can also pertain to other animals according to MW, who further mentions hiṃsāluka as a 'savage dog'. In VāyuPur 9,44 and Bṛhatsaṃhitā 89, 18 the wild dog is called āraṇya resp. svaraṇya-saṃsthaḥ. According to Crooke (1906: 142), dholes are "in general form more like the jackal than the wolf" and are "found in packs of as many as twelve, from Gilgit and Ladakh in the north, to the forests of the south."

In an enumeration in Jātaka VI 538,3\* mahisā soņā sigālā ... the second word is explained in line 23 as rukkha-sunakhā where rukkha must mean 'forest' and in cp. 'wild', like vŗkṣa-kukkuṭa 'wild cock', cf. vana-kukkuṭa. According to Ja VI 538,17 these wild dogs are nala-puppha-vaṇṇā 'the colour of reed flowers'. For vana-śvan, however, MW gives from lexica the meanings 'jackal; tiger; civet-cat'. The 'tree-dog' of PED is indeed 'a certain animal', but no flying fox (vāgulī, Kauṭilya 14,3,1) as one might think. European dogs (bloodhounds) were imported at an early date by the Portuguese, whereas Sir Thomas Roe brought the Moghul emperor Jahāngīr two mastiffs, after his liberal predecessor Akbar (†1605) had imported dogs from Afghanistan and made the Muslim prejudice against dogs disappear. Jahāngīr was so much pleased with the animals that he fed them with his own hand, gave them four attendants each to fan the flies from them and had them carried about in palanquins.<sup>92</sup>

Finally, two 19<sup>th</sup> century dogs may be mentioned from Hobson-Jobson, viz., the Poligar dog found in S. India (p. 719) and a Poonamallee terrier-like quadruped (p. 723). "The former is large and powerful, and is peculiar in being without hair." For this, Balfour is quoted, but the colour photo in a German internet journal<sup>93</sup> shows Afghan-like dogs with long hair.<sup>94</sup> For the terrier-like animal Yule and Burnell cite McMahon: "the dog, a small piebald cur, with a short tail, not unlike the Poonamallee<sup>95</sup> terrier, which the British soldier is

- 94 Cf. Broughton 1977: fig. 6 opp. p. 96.
- 95 A town 13 miles west of Madras.

<sup>91</sup> Lüders 1973: 524 on Rāmāyaņa (Bombay, 1930) 3,52,45 ime śālā-mṛgāḥ simhā vyāghrāḥ ....

<sup>92</sup> Crooke 1906: 143.

<sup>93</sup> http://www.hundezeitung.de/hundekunde.inder-hunde.html, p. 3. I thank Mr Frank Bierkandt for this piece of information.

wont to manufacture from Pariah dogs for 'Griffins'<sup>96</sup> with sporting proclivities, was brought up for inspection."

#### 2.3 Colour of fur

According to the Jātaka scholiast, dogs can have five colours: darkbrown, speckled, white, shining black and tan.<sup>97</sup> Dogs from the Taptī riverbank are whitish, redbrown, yellow-white, dark grey, pale red and have black stripes, white eyebrows and muzzle; they are spotted and chestnut. Others have white spots and have various colours.<sup>98</sup> De facto, dark dogs dominate in literature since the Rgveda.<sup>99</sup> There, in a funeral address, the dead man is told: "Pass along the two dogs, the sons of Saramā, the four-eyed spotted ones, on the right path"<sup>100</sup>, and AV viii 1,9 specifies them: "let not the dark and the brindled one sent forth [seize] thee, that are Yama's dogs"<sup>101</sup> (Whitney). Bloomfield<sup>102</sup>,

- 96 Yule/Burnell 1903: 395 f. explain this now obsolete word as a 'European newcomer to India.'
- 97 Sāmā ca soņā sabalā ca gijjhā (Ja VI 106,21\*). Sabalā is explained as kabara-vaņņā ca seta-kāļa-pīta-vaņņā cā ti. Evam pañca-vaņņe [hi] sunakhe dasseti. The Burmese editor writes -vaņņa- and adds lohita after pīta forgetting that sāma is the first colour. Apart from that, red or ventre de biche dogs are not in the dictionaries unless one renders hari(ta) by 'red', as does Willman-Grabowska 1931: 40, cf. Sundaracharya 1927: 73 (Hamsadeva I 941 rakta-varņa-yutāh śvānah). Sabala also Utt 19,54.
- 98 Tāpī-ţata-samutpannāh śunakāh ... pāndurāh śona-varnāś ca pīta-śvetāś ca karburāh dhūmrâng[an]āh pāţalāś câiva tathā mecaka-rājikāh bhrū-netratunda-dhavalāh śabalāh kṛṣṇa-rohitāh. Śveta-bindubhir ākīrnā nānā-varnās tathâpare (Mānasollāsa II 4,1305 ff.).
- 99 According to Columella, *De re rustica* 7,12,13 watchdogs should preferably be black for at night they should be invisible and by day look formidable (Peters 1998: 168). Yet RV 7,55,2 refers to a fair watchdog.
- 100 áti drava sārameyáu śvánau catur-akşáu śabálau sādhúnā pathá (RV 10,14,10). On Yama's two dogs see Bloomfield 1893: 163ff.; 1905; Schlerath 1954: 36 and Kammenhuber 1958: 303. The latter considers this indo-european notion to be one starting-point for the dog cult of the Median magi. The four eyes refer to white spots over their eyes, see White 1989: 285. According to Das in Das / Meiser 2002: 143 note 32 the designation sārameya for 'Yama's two dogs' points to a connection of Indra with death. For the spread of the four-eyed dog see Miller 1881:43.
- 101 Śyāmáś ca tvā mấ śabálaś ca préșitau Yamásya yáu ... śvấnau. See also Casimir forthcoming 14ff.

on the basis of Brāhmaņa references like KauśBr 2,9, etc., which identify the dogs with sun / day / life<sup>103</sup> and moon / night / death, considers the myth in origin a cosmological one, transferred later to dogs; the *tertium comparationis* being their omnivision and the accordance of the colours. As to the latter point, however, though the Indians see a hare or a deer on the moon, if need be the brindled dog could symbolize the moon<sup>104</sup> with its black spots. In this case the other dog would stand for the sun, a connection of which with the colour black is not found in the texts.<sup>105</sup> Bloomfield further argues that the change of day and night – the alternately sleeping dogs – represents time, i.e. life and death. However, as such a relation of dogs to life and death seems improbable, Schlerath rejects Bloomfield's thesis and assumes the dogs to be the point of departure.<sup>106</sup> On the relation dog : moon see also Meyer 1937 III 203 and Jung 1984: 175 f.

Pariah dogs may be grey, like the wolf, black and white, or the yellow colour of the Australian dingo.<sup>107</sup>

AV xi 2,30 connects also Rudra with dogs: "To Rudra's howling ... great-mouthed dogs I have paid homage here."<sup>108</sup> Rudra can appear as a dog,<sup>109</sup> and his modern representative Khaṇḍobā is a black dog<sup>110</sup>, is lord of dogs,<sup>111</sup> and has two dogs, Gulhe and Mogare.<sup>112</sup> The doubling

- 103 Rarely the sun is identified with death, as ŚpBr II 3,3,7 eşa eva mṛtyuḥ ya eşa (sūryaḥ) tapati; X 5,1,4.
- 104 As in SpBr XI 1,5,1 adyâmāvāsyêti manyamāna upavasati ... sa eşa divyah śvā 'thinking: ''Today is the day of new moon ... he (the moon) is that heavenly dog''' (Eggeling). See also Willman-Grabowska 1931: 35 regarding this passage and AV vi 80,1 where the heavenly dog may be the moon or Canis maior (Sirius), which in vs 3 is said to arise from the waters. Further Bloomfield 1893: 163 and Pisani 1935: 365 f.
- 105 Yama, however, is the son of Vivasvat, the sun.
- 106 Schlerath 1954: 36.
- 107 Clutton-Brock 1965:6.
- 108 Krick 1972: 33; Sontheimer 1997: 67. Cf. in the Śatarudriya (TS 4,5,4q and r): "... to you, dog-leaders, homage ! Homage to you, dogs, and to you, lords of dogs, homage !" (Keith).
- 109 Sontheimer 1997: 192.
- 110 Sontheimer 1997: 71; 110 note 14.
- 111 Sontheimer 1997: 107; 127 (picture of Kh. on horse with dog under the horse).
- 112 Sontheimer 1997: 194 and 262.

<sup>102</sup> Bloomfield 1905: 37.

of the dogs conforms to their double aspect of death as the end of this life<sup>113</sup> and the beginning of the existence in the hereafter; the dogs stand at the line dividing the world into two parts, or are that very line looking in both directions, yet belonging to neither this world nor the other.<sup>114</sup> Two black dogs escorting a young doe are mentioned in Vdh 298,31.

The idea of association of deities with dogs<sup>115</sup> continues in Indian religious history, e.g., in Agnipurāņa 234,25; in Buddhism<sup>116</sup> and Jinism<sup>117</sup>, but the dogs are no longer only two.<sup>118</sup>

The adulterous woman in Dhammapāla's comment (151,28) on the Pāli Petavatthu II 12 may have had such a dog in mind when she lies to her husband and swears: "If I have committed such a wicked deed, then the well-known crop-eared black dog should eat me in some rebirth."<sup>119</sup> Reborn as a mansion-ghost (*petī*) on the bank of the lake of the crop-eared (dog ?) in the Himâlaya, she is approached at midnight by a frightful crop-eared<sup>120</sup> dog the size of a young elephant, with long sharp teeth, wide open eyes resembling embers of burnt acacia wood,<sup>121</sup> a

- 113 For the dog representing death see, e.g., Falk 1986: 109 and further below sub 3.2 (p. 80).
- 114 Schlerath 1954: 36.
- 115 Found in French and perhaps in Greek (see further below).
- 116 E.g., Suttanipāta 675 khādanti (pāpa-kare) sāmā sabalā ... sonā.
- 117 E.g., of Ksetvapāla in Gwalior Fort (Bhattacharya 1974: 135 and cf. Plate XXXII), in Tulunadu (p.c. Prof. Nagarajaiah) and Melsittamur (Titze 1998: 70).
- 118 On the relation of Yama's dogs and those in later ideas about hells see Arbman 1928: 215 f. who considers them to be of the same origin.
- 119 Cf. Socrates' famous oath μὰ τὸν κύνα τὸν Αἰγυπτίων θεόν (Plato, Gorgias 482b 5), on which see Geus 2000 (p. c. Dr St. Schorn). Hoerber 1963: 268f., who mentions the twelve relevant references, thinks κύνα stands for Ζήνα. If he be right, and he adduces ancient authorities for the phrase to have been merely a Rhadamanthine euphemism to the average Greek reader, one might compare the French curse nom d'un chien ! for nom de Dieu. Lilya, however, thinks of χῆνα (1976; 74). See also Arbman 1928: 215 and Scholz 1937: 36 note 38. – For dogs to devour an adulterous woman cf. Manu VIII 371.
- 120 Why the dog after whom the lake may have its name is crop-eared remains open. H.S. Gehman, in a note on p. 62 of his translation, takes *kann*° to be just a word play on the name of the lake. If *boda* means crop-eared the same question can be put at Hāla 550 *boda-sunao vivanno*.
- 121 On the dread inspired by the hell-hound by his gaze see Lilja 1976: 104 quoting Schlerath 1954: 36.

massive tongue which protrudes incessantly, hard and sharp claws and rough, long and ugly hair. He throws her to the ground, devours her impetuously, as if overcome by ravenous hunger, seizes her skeleton with his teeth, throws it into the pond of her mansion and disappears.<sup>122</sup>

In Buddhist tradition Sakka also has a black dog after transforming his charioteer Mātali for the punishment of mankind.<sup>123</sup> Mātali continues the Vedic Mātalī who is a deity beside Yama<sup>124</sup> and Bṛhaspati, and an abbreviation of Mātaríśvan.<sup>125</sup> Further, a black dog accompanies Bhairon / Bhairava / Bhairobā,<sup>126</sup> when he rides out on a black horse, and all through Upper India the favourite method of conciliating him is to feed him until he is surfeited.<sup>127</sup> In the MaitrS 3,14,21 a black dog is sacrificed to the demons and the motive, according to Keith,<sup>128</sup> is presumably propitiation. As subjects of black colour are used to avert evil,<sup>129</sup> it is understandable that in the Deccan, if a man suffers from indigestion, some of his food is given to a black dog, and his illness goes, if the dog eats the food.<sup>130</sup> Similarly, bread offered to

122 Sā ... kālam katvā Himavati pabbata-rāje ... Kanna-munda-dahassa tīre vimāna-petī hutvā nibbatti. Vimāna-samantā ... ekā pokkharanī nibbatti. ... Tattha gatam gaja-potaka-ppamāno eko kāļa-sunakho bherava-rūpo chinna-kanno tikhinâyata-kathina-dātho su-vipphalita-khadir'-angārasadisa-nayano nirantara-pavatti-vipula-samghāta-sadisa-jivho kathinatikhina-nakho kharâyata-dubbanna-lomo tato āgantvā tam bhumiyam nipātetvā atijighacchâbhibhūto viya pasayha khādanto atthi-samkhalikamattam katvā dantehi gahetvā pokkharaniyam khipitvā antara-dhāyati (Pv-a 152,5 ff.).

- 123 Kāļa-vaņņaņ Mahā-kaņha-sunakhaņ katvā (Ja iv 181,22ff., cf. 183,12\*f.
- 124 Geldner 1957, IV: 103 (RV 10,14,3).
- 125 Mayrhofer, EWAia.
- 126 See, e.g., Snead 1989 plates 128 f. of figures from Osian (9<sup>th</sup> cent,) and Khajuraho (11<sup>th</sup> cent.), resp., the latter with collar and leash. Both animals look unnatural and each has its tail lying on its back.
- 127 Crooke I 1896: 108 f. quoted by Arbman 1922: 263. Casimir forthcoming.
- 128 The choice of an abnormal victim is due to the abnormal character of the recipient (Keith 1925: 324), cf. the sacrifice of a black dog to the Greek goddess Hecate (Scholz 1937: 42), who is a bitch herself and followed by dogs (Höfler1934: 42). A dog sacrifice is also recorded in the semitic world (Isaiah 66,3).
- 129 Crooke II 1896: 29.
- 130 Abbott 1974: 278 f., cf. Enthoven 1912: 87 and Stevenson 1915: 265.

a black dog is supposed to be a cure for barrenness.<sup>131</sup> Black dogs are fed on *Sitalā saptamī*.<sup>132</sup> If Keith should be right that the dog, killed at the Horse Sacrifice by the son of a public woman and made to float southward under the horse in the water, where the latter is bathed, "was possibly once slain to drive away evil spirits from the horse, or, as the texts treat it, as a representative of the powers of evil," <sup>133</sup> one would expect him to be black, but in the texts his colour is not mentioned except for the white spot above each eve, i.e. he is "foureyed";<sup>134</sup> he is said to represent the sacrificer's evil lot, his rival.<sup>135</sup> For Krick the couple horse/dog symbolises on the one hand the unpressed Somaplant, the old skin of which, viz the body (here: the dog) under the spell of death, is chopped off with the pestle with which the soma is pressed, so that thereon the *amrtam* (nectar, i.e. Soma: horse) can arise. On the other hand, at the same time, the dog is actually meant as the extern enemy trodden down by the conqueror / horse: black dog and white horse are a couple of antipodes in the sense of darkness of death (enemy to be killed) and light of day (horse that is to bring victory and life to the king).<sup>136</sup> She sees the dog as the messenger who preceeds the horse into the hereafter, but Falk<sup>137</sup> argues that the mantra at the dog's killing and his four eyes do not fit her view. For a relation of the aśvamedha with the modern Dasarā ritual see Sontheimer 1997: 136. Rebirth as a black bitch was the fate of queen Kuntalā because of her pride.138

There is an 18<sup>th</sup> century story of the mutilated corpse of the villain Ghulam Qādir, who was hung head downwards from a tree. A black dog, white round the eyes, came and sat under the tree licking up the

- 134 With his four eyes he is supposed to look in the four directions (Geldner 1951: III 144) and so has omnivision. On the four-eyed dog see esp. Will-man-Grabowska 1931: 36 ff.
- 135 Thus TaittBr 3,8,4,1, cf. ĀpŚS XX 3,6ff.; ŚpBr XIII 1,2,9 with Eggeling's note (vol. V, p. 279) and Dumont 1927: 27.
- 136 Krick 1972: 33. See also Negelein 1903: 98 note 2.
- 137 Falk 1986: 162 note 458.
- 138 Kathākośaprakaraņa 129,30ff. > Dundas 1988: 184.

<sup>131</sup> Enthoven 1916: 121; 1924: 287.

<sup>132</sup> Kipling 1891: 90 note 1.

<sup>133</sup> Keith 1914: cxxxiv; cf. cxxxvii where Negelein is said to hold the dog for a representative of Vrtra; see also Krick 1972, Doniger O'Flaherty 1980: 159 and 162, and White 1989.

blood as it dropped. The spectators threw stones at it, but it still stayed there. On the third day the corpse disappeared and so did the dog.<sup>139</sup> In the mantra-like hymn RV 7,55,2 a man, perhaps a lover, entering the house of his beloved at night,<sup>140</sup> addresses a fair or white (!) watchdog and tells him to go and sleep,<sup>141</sup> which for Hopkins is a lullaby that shows on how familiar a footing the dog stood.<sup>142</sup> Further, in a *śauva udgīthá*, i.e. a chant "seen" for dogs, in ChUp 1,12,2 a deity in the shape of a white dog appears to the sage Dālbhya Baka. Other dogs come near and say to the (sage): "Sir, please procure us food by chanting; we are hungry."<sup>143</sup>

Tawny dogs seem to be of a noble race<sup>144</sup> kept by kings, as in the Mahābodhi-jātaka, where the Bodhisatta as a brahmin ascetic, invited to a meal after a sermon in the palace, wants to give a big portion of his food to such a favourite animal, for whom the king then has a bowl brought.<sup>145</sup> The high status of the tawny race is stressed by Varāhamihira, when he says that a bitch with white spots on the eyes, a crooked tail, tawny and with hanging ears protects the country<sup>146</sup>, which is a royal duty. This more detailed description seems to agree with Mackay's assumption of a Mohenjo-Daro species. In this context the ceramic statuette of a red dog may be recalled, of which texts from Ur tell us that the ruler Ibbi-sin (end of 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium) had obtained it as a present from Meluhha, i.e. the Indus val-

- 139 Saletore 1981: 53 note 40.
- 140 Thus Geldner in the introduction to his translation of the hymn. In contrast, Willman-Grabowska 1931: 34 lets the dead, held up at the entry of Yama's realm, speak the first part of the hymn to Vastospati.
- 141 Arjuna Sārameya ... ní sú svapa ! Cf. ŖV 7,55,5 sástu śvā and AV 4,5,2 and 6.
- 142 Hopkins 1894: 155.
- 143 *Tasmai śvā śvetah prādur babhūva; tam anye śvāna upasametyôcur: annaņ no bhagavān āgāyatv aśanāyāma vā iti.* The scholiast Śankara takes the other dogs to address the white one. See Sontheimer 1997: 53 and 68.
- 144 *Koleyyako pingala-sunakho* (Ja V 231,18); in a previous birth the dog was Ānanda, the Buddha's personal attendant (246,12).

145 Rāja-vallabham ekam pingala-sunakham disvā mahantam bhatta-pindam gahetvā tassa dātu-kāmatâkāram dassesi (Mahāsatto). Rājā ñatvā sunakhassa bhājanam āhārāpetvā bhattam gāhāpetvā dāpesi (Ja V 228,11ff.). In the palace table manners apply even to dogs.

146 Yasyāh ... mallikâksyāh / vakram puccham, pingalâlamba-karņā yā, sā rāstram kukkurī pāti ... (BrhS 62,2).

ley.<sup>147</sup> With royal dogs the dividing line between hunting and fighting dogs may have been fluid. In the doctrine of the soul colours - lesya – dark blue ( $n\bar{l}a$ ) has a brown dog for a *gandha* symbol.<sup>148</sup>

Further, prickly heat or Lichen tropicus was called "Red dog" in British India. $^{149}$ 

For the black dog in the sky, a concept of the transhumant Valley Gujar and nomadic Bakkarwal, Muslim pastoralists in Indianadministered Jammu and Kaśmīr, see Casimir forthcoming (2007 ?).

Finally, a colour can be also a proper name as, e.g. Pingiya in Ja III 535,26\*; 536,1; see further 3.1.3.

### 2.4 The parts of the body and their use

The parts of the body will be treated from head to tail. Trigarta dogs are large, those from Dugdhavāța are slim, those from Andhra are quite small, but strong, and Vidarbha has pretty dogs. Those from the bank of the river Taptī are tender-bodied.<sup>150</sup>

The **head** of a dog is used in a magic rite (see at 3.5.3) and in cynotherapy (3.6). **Eyes** and gaze of Yama's dogs are dealt with in 2.3. In Gujarat Enthoven mentions the belief that dogs have divine vision and are able to see the messengers of Yama.<sup>151</sup> Dogs, just as a Cāṇḍāla, pig, cock or menstruating woman, should not see a brahmin eating his meal,<sup>152</sup> but get their food on the ground (see below under 2.5.1). For the dog watching its master see 3.1.1.

The canine **ear**, *śvā-karņa*, is an example of the Kāśikā on Pāņini 6,3,137 regarding the elongation of the final vowel in the joint of a compound. Dogs can have their ears pricked up, flat, drooping, or

<sup>147</sup> Urban / Jansen 1987: 182.

<sup>148</sup> Śrī Bhagavatī sūtra I (ed. Amar Muni Mahārāj. New Delhi, 2005) plate 15 opp. p. 528.

<sup>149</sup> Yule / Burnell 1903: 758.

<sup>150</sup> Traigartās tu mahā-kāyāh, Dugdha-vātāh krṣângakāh ... Āndhra-deśasamutpannāh sv-alpa-kāyā mahā-balāh. Tāpī-tata-samutpannāh śunakāh komalângakāh (Mānasollāsa II 4,1302 f.).

<sup>151</sup> Enthoven 1916: 150; Negelein 1931: 242.

<sup>152</sup> Manu 3,239.

drop one ear only.<sup>153</sup> A bitch with sore ears is dealt with under Similes (3.2). Crop-eared dogs occur since Pāṇini 6,3,115; see also under 2.3. A dog's ear is cut in the middle when it is sickly in order that it may grow strong,<sup>154</sup> but a bitch with sore ears is driven away everywhere (see under 3.2.1). On pouring hot oil into a dog's ear see below under 3.5.3. "Dog-eared" in the sense of turned-down corners of a page appears to have no counterpart in ancient Indian literature.

For the **nose** and smelling see at 2.7 and 3.2.

Stella Kramrisch's statement that the Sāmaveda should be represented with the **face** of a dog is based on a wrong reading of VdhPur III 73,42ab Sāmavedas tu kartavyaḥ kiṃ tv aśva-vadanaḥ prabhuḥ as: ... kiṃ tu śva-vadanaḥ.<sup>155</sup>

Cynocephalic, having a face like that of a dog, is the name of a people in the northern mountains.<sup>156</sup> Alexander the Great met them and Ctesias mentions them.<sup>157</sup> Such people also occupied European fantasy even in modern times.<sup>158</sup>

A dog's **mouth** is pure as it carries the prey.<sup>159</sup> Showing the **teeth** occurs, e.g., in RV 7,55,2 yád, arjuna sārameya, datáh piśanga yáchase vīva bhrājanta rṣṭáya úpa srákveṣu bápsato 'when, brown and white son of Saramā, you bare your teeth, they shine in the set of teeth of the snapper like spears'; in Sanskrit it is called danta-darśana.<sup>160</sup> The four fangs as a pars pro toto for the whole set of teeth is shown in Ja V 231,25 tam sunakho disvā mukham vivaritvā catasso dāṭhā dassetvā ....The canine teeth mentioned in Rāmāyaņa 5,15,42, where Sītā's earrings are described as su-kṛtau karṇa-veṣṭau ca śva-daṃṣṭrau ca su-sam̥sthitau 'well-made ear-enclosing orna-

- 153 Ūrdhva-karņāh ślista-karņās tathā patita-karņakāh tathā srastâika-karņās ca sārameyā bhavanti te (Mānasollāsa II 4,1307 f.).
- 154 Thirumala Ramachandra in a paper for the 26<sup>th</sup> Internat. Congress of Orientalists in New Delhi 1964 entitled "Some Telugu Words in the Gāthāsaptasati" and printed in the Andraprabha Daily (Madras). He refers here to Telugu *voda* and Gāthasaptasati 550 *voda-suņao vivanno*.
- 155 Bhattacharya in Dallapiccola 1989: 53 note 16.
- 156 Varāhamihira, Brhatsamhitā 14,25 Śva-mukhāh.
- 157 White 1991: 48 f., 203.
- 158 White 1991: plates 1, 7–9, 14.
- 159 Śuddham (...) nārīņām câiva vatsānām śakunīnām śuno mukham (AgniPur 156,10), cf. Manu 5,130 and BIS 6482.
- 160 Mbh cr. ed. 5,70,71.

ments and well-formed "canine teeth" have, however, nothing to do with dogs.<sup>161</sup>

The semantic development is the same as in English, as is shown by Rāma, the ancient scholiast, who explains *śva-damstrau* as: *su*krtau nirmitau karna-vestau – kundale; śva-damstrau – karnâbharana-viśesau tri-karnakâpara-nāmānau; su-samsthitau – karna*rūpânge su-pratistitau* 'well-manufactured ear-enclosing earrings: 'canine teeth' – a kind of ear decoration also called  $tri^{\circ}$ : well-formed - well-sitting in a part of the ear-form'. For karna-vesta cf. karnavestana in Balasubrahmanyam 1966: 261, where it is only explained as 'ear-ornament'. As tri° is not in the locus classicus of earrings, Nātyaśāstra xxiii 24f., is in no dictionary and makes no sense here, it may be a corruption of *tri-kantaka* which Harsacarita<sup>162</sup> mentions as a karnâbharana. Sivaramamurti<sup>163</sup> identifies tri-kantaka as a "pointed cone-edged cylindrical earring with three tips shown in some Amaravati sculptures", and Agrawala 1969: 25 (with colour figure) where it is said that it was made by setting an emerald between two pearls, and was in wide use to adorn the ears of both men and women, whereas Postel<sup>164</sup> takes it to be a pin or stylet type (*karnôtkīlaka*). The former scholar mentions the passage again in a later book<sup>165</sup>, but leaves *śva*damstra untranslated. Professor Dallapiccola, however, in a p.c. thinks that it could be a stud or a pendant with three ear-shaped elements radiating from the centre; it would then look like a stylized flower. Śva-damstra designates a canine tooth or the thorny plant Asteracantha Longifolia Nees;<sup>166</sup> as feminine, it may also represent a

162 NSP ed.; Bombay, 1946: 22,13.

- 164 1995: 172.
- 165 1970: 60.

<sup>161</sup> The German rendering by Simons: Die beiden schöngeformten Ohrringe, der wie Hundezähne wohlgestaltete Ohrschmuck zu beiden Seiten ...(Saarbrücken, 1977: 70) is therefore wrong; Philippe Benoît's translation runs: "deux boucles d' oreilles ciselées, deux splendides pendants d' oreilles en forme de crocs" (Prof. Adelheid Mette, in a personal communication [hereafter. p. c.]).

<sup>163 1956: 109.</sup> 

<sup>166</sup> Mbh 13 App. 15, 2624 post; Suśruta, Utt 50,17 and Cikitsā 7,7. In Kaut (ed. Bombay, 1963) 2,3,15 it is a plant dangerous to elephants. It is also called kāndekşu or go-kşura. Cf. the plant damştrā sūkarasya in Suśruta 2,120,16 (PWB).

safety device at a fortress construction.<sup>167</sup> The tooth is of course a cone-edged object, but it leaves the question open not only what *tri-karṇaka* or °-*kaṇṭaka* has to do with it, but of which animal it is a canine tooth, because the pins and other earrings women wore in the Amaravati period were quite large, unless, as Professor Mette (p. c.) suggests, it may be just a metonym – like *śva-pada*, for which see below<sup>168</sup> – and just the name of a certain kind of ear-decoration. Hiltebeitel omits the passage in his paper on Sītā's jewellery.<sup>169</sup> The *śva-d*° is not found in Untracht 1997 where on p. 248 35 ear ornaments are sketched from Tamilnadu alone.

In the commentary on BKBh 357 Kanha praises the white splendour of the teeth of an evil-smelling canine cadaver. The dog's gleaming teeth impressed the Indians as early as RV 7,55,2, and the Greeks since Homer (Iliad XI 292  $\check{\alpha}\rho\gamma\iota\delta\delta\circ\tau\tau\alpha\varsigma$ ). For a toothless dog see under Similes (3.2).

The dog's **tongue**, according to Crooke, has curative power all over northern India,<sup>170</sup> but proof of this could not be found in Indian as against European literature.<sup>171</sup> Thus in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Lahore it was believed that the English, who had stray dogs killed in summer for reasons of hygiene, needed their tongue for medicines,<sup>172</sup> see also Chaube 1895-6: 72 and further under 3.6. – The English idiom 'to give tongue' has no counterpart in Indian languages; the Sanskrit expression is *śabdam karoti*,<sup>173</sup> German *Laut geben*.

The four-**eye**d dogs of Yama were treated supra, p. 17. For the evil eye see under 3.5.3.

Metonymically a dog's **paw** is used to designate an iron object made to brand thieves on the forehead.<sup>174</sup> Dogs are very rarely associ-

169 Hiltebeitel 1980-1: 193 ff.

- 170 Crooke II 1896: 223.
- 171 See Schumacher 2003. Crooke, loc. cit., quotes Gesta Romanorum 25 in cane bis bina sunt: et lingua medicina.
- 172 Campbell Oman 1908: 220. In Macbeth 4,1 the second witch wanted a tongue of dog, beside adder's fork and blind-worm's sting, etc., for her charm of powerful trouble.
- 173 Hemavijaya, Kathāratnâkara 191,14,
- 174 Manu 9,237 steye ca śva-padam kāryam; Yājňavalkyasmrti 2,270; Kautilya 4,8,27; Rāyapasenaijja § 767 (punishment of brahmins for unspecified ser-

<sup>167</sup> Kauțilya 1,53; cf. 2,3,15.

<sup>168</sup> Cf. perhaps also in Vinaya II 117 makara-dantaka and nāga-danta.

ated with theft,<sup>175</sup> and an explanation of the paw is nowhere given but in the Skandapurāṇa 5,92 ff., where a dog comes to eat an executed thief, and unconsciously (*caitanyena vinā*) makes the mark of Śiva's trident with its nails on the man's forehead. Rudra's messengers then take it to Mt Kailāsa.<sup>176</sup> This marking of thieves is probably no longer practised nowadays, but when among the Muṇḍas a girl is made to marry a dog, the latter puts a vermilion *tilka* with its paw on her forehead.<sup>177</sup> An unspecified marking with a dog occurs in Rāyapaseṇaīya § 29 *je ṇaṃ māhaṇa-parisāe avarajjhai, se ṇaṃ .... suṇagalacchaṇae vā kīrai*; it is a humiliating punishment, as in Kathāratnâkara, p. 9,16, where, however, the dog's paw is not mentioned.<sup>178</sup> In Kaśmīr a dog's head was used in the 10<sup>th</sup> century as a brand mark, which was then adopted by the Tibetans.<sup>179</sup>

When a dog passes between the  $g\bar{a}rhapatya$  and  $\bar{a}havan\bar{i}ya$  fire its **footprints** should be covered up with ashes from the former, and by the recitation of a verse dedicated to Viṣṇu.<sup>180</sup> In the early 20<sup>th</sup> cent. the footprint of a dog was tattooed against the evil eye.<sup>181</sup> According to the Channabasava-purāṇa a person will only go to heaven, when just before his death, an unclean dog puts its paw with dirty ashes as a *tilaka* on his forehead.<sup>182</sup> Ashes, esp. of cowdung, are a means of rit-

ious offences; cf. Rājataranginī 6,109 referring to king Yaśaskara thus punishing the brahman ascetic Cakrabhānu); KSS 2,13, 148 *śunah pādena dattvânkam lalāțe*. For a similar custom in Kaśmīr, Ladak and Tibet and its meaning see Hummel 1938–40: 502 f. Attempts to seduce a married woman are also considered theft, and punished by branding a dog's paw on the forehead in KSS 13,148. Bloomfield 1919: 59 note 33 may be right in taking it to be just a sign of degradation – the lowest part of a lowly and impure animal on the highest part of the body of a human criminal.

- 175 As in Prabandhacintāmaņi 117,27; Ja V 458,19 (discussed by Schlingloff 1987: 94ff.; 1999: 52), VI 63,1 and in the similes Hemac, *Triṣaṣți*° 3,1,31 and 9,4,222 *daivād a-pihita-dvāre sārameya iva aviśam*. In Mbh 13,96,17 a thief is cursed by having to carry a dog around. Elwin 1954, note 1 on a Bondo myth pertaining to dogs as thieves is irrelevant in this respect.
- 176 Doniger 1993: 66.
- 177 See further below under 3.5.3.
- 178 In Kathāratnâkara 9,22 branding is a remedy for possession (grahilatā).
- 179 Hummel 1938-40: 502 f.
- 180 Dandekar 1958: 161 f. See below at 3.1.1 (p. 57 infra).
- 181 Abbott 1932: 145 with picture.
- 182 Negelein 1912: 35 note 1.

ual purification. Pāli *vilikhati* is used for 'to paw', but the only reference available pertains to a dog ascetic.<sup>183</sup> For the "dog's clutch" see below under similes (3.2), p. 88.

It is an evil omen when a person has a dog's **gait**: he will suffer loss of fortune.<sup>184</sup>

A piece of a dog's **bone** is ground in water and put on a dog-bite as a paste, a case of sympathetic magic.<sup>185</sup>

Eating the **entrails** of a dog – and probably no sausage dog – is an expression for want itself, interestingly enough as early as RV iv  $18,13^{186}$  where no one less than Indra complains about his having been in this plight. This shows that from Vedic times onward Āryan Indians did not eat dog's **flesh** unless in an emergency.<sup>187</sup> In east and south Africa Frank has found that pastoralists, strangely enough, despise dogs, as against agriculturalists.<sup>188</sup> What this would mean for Iran in the first millennium BCE I cannot say; Zaraθuśtra at any rate lived among nomads, the Medes in a plain.<sup>189</sup> The ancient Greeks, however, were cynophagous.<sup>190</sup> Other such cases are that of Viśvamitra, who in a dearth begs dog's meat from a Cāndāla<sup>191</sup>; the

- 183 Ps III 100,26 on SamyuttaNikāya II 387,14 *dvīhi pādehi bhūmiyam vilikhitvā kukkura-kujjitam kujjanto nisīdati (kukkura-vattiko)* 'pawing the ground with both feet the dog ascetic growled like a dog and sat down.'
- 184 BhavişyaPur 24,39.
- 185 Abbott 1932: 59.
- 186 Ávartyā śúna āntrāņi pece ... ápaśyam jāyām á-mahīyamānām (as being the wife of a cooker of dogs). Dange 1987: 108 note 11 seems to connect this passage with Mbh 12,139. Cf. Dange 1979: 161–175.
- 187 ApastambaGS I 7,21,15; Manu 5,17; Vasudevahindi I 260,5; Vāmana, Kāvyâlankāra-vņtti 5,2,25 śakyam śva-māmsâdibhir api kşut pratihantum. Willman-Grabowska 1931: 15 ff. treats the different reasons in the Avesta and in India for the ban on eating canine meat: in the former the dog is man's equal and valued, whereas in India the animal is impure in the first place.
- 188 Frank 1964: 136, 139. In India dogs are despised in the sedentary period.
- 189 See Frye 1965: 10ff., esp. 14.
- 190 Lilya 1976: 47 et passim; Loth 1994: 787; Dalby 1996: 21; 60; 107. Cf. the fact that slaughtering dogs and cats for meat was banned in Germany as late as 1996 (p. c. Dr med. vet. B. Schmelzekopf).
- 191 Thus in Mbh 12,139,64a cooker of dogs says to the brahmin Viśvamitra: mā te mano 'stu śva-bhakşaņe, śvā hy a-bhakşo dvijānām. Further Mbh 12,141,51; Rām 1,62,14; SkandaPur 7,3,30,3–8; cf. Ruben 1935: 213 f.;

*rşi* Vāmadeva<sup>192</sup> and the simile of the four Brahmins who kill a dog and eat its flesh in BKBh 1012f. = NisBh 4873f. (see under 3.2). Viśvamitra also curses the Vāsiṣṭhas to eat only canine flesh.<sup>193</sup> In the caste system a cooker of dogs (*śvapāka*<sup>194</sup>) is the son of a *kṣatriya* and an Ugrā,<sup>195</sup> or the son of a *cāṇḍāla*,<sup>196</sup> and put on a par with the animals;<sup>197</sup> both should live outside the village.<sup>198</sup> Cāṇḍālas, among them the gypsies,<sup>199</sup> live on dogs and boars,<sup>200</sup> but as Crooke says, "the Eastern Frontier is still the chief home of the practice" (1906: 145), just as cynophagy is practised in the South of China. After consuming the flesh of a dog one must fast for seven days.<sup>201</sup>

In the Vinaya, the common people eat dog-flesh during a famine, but the Buddha tells his monks not to follow them.<sup>202</sup> According to Buddhaghosa, only the flesh of wild wolves is allowed, but not that of crosses between pye-dogs and wolves.<sup>203</sup> Thus the Indian aversion to cross-breeds pertains even to animals. The parts eaten are often the

Hiltebeitel 2001: 202 on Mbh 12,139,71 and esp. White 1991: 71 ff. (chapter 4).

- 192 Śva-māmsam icchann ārtto 'ttum dharmâdharma-vicakṣaṇaḥ | prāṇānām parirakṣârtham Vāmadevo na liptavān (Manu 10,106). Sieg 1902: 79.
- 193 Rāmāyaņa (Poona, 1930) 1,59,19. Cf. Rām I 62,17.
- 194 Norman's etymology of Pāli *sopāka* as a case of *samprasaraņa* for \**śava-pāka* (*Collected Papers* I 1990: 4 note 6) seems improbable to me.
- 195 Manu 10,19 kşattur-jātas tathôgrāyām śva-pāka iti kīrtyate.
- 196 Suttanipāta 137 caņdāla-putto sopāko.
- 197 The consequence in parts of Africa is that cynophagy goes hand in hand with cannibalism (Frank 1964: 137).
- 198 Manu 10,51.
- 199 Dombā kiņiyā sovāgā c'eva (VavN 231 = VavBh 1448).
- 200 Kāmandaki, Nītisāra xix 21 (śva-sūkara-vadhâpekṣin).
- 201 Notice that in this cliché stanza of Vāsistha śva- ... -mānuşa-kākôlūkamāmsâdane sapta-rātram upavāso ... (Dharmaśāstra 23,30) even human flesh is mentioned.
- 202 Manussā dubbhikkhe sunakha-mamsam paribhunjanti ... na, bhikkhave, sunakha-mamsam paribhunjitabbam (Vin I 219,18ff.). Cf. also, e.g., Ja vi 353,19\* Ugga-putta-rāja-puttiyānam urabbha-mamsam piyam ... na te sunakhassa adenti mamsam.
- 203 Arañña-kokā nāma sunakha-sadisā honti, tesam mamsam vaţtati; yo pana gāma-sunakhiyā vā kokena koka-sunakhiyā vā gāma-sunakhena samyogena uppanno, tassa mamsam na vaţtati (Sp 1094,17 ff.).

haunch, *śva-jāghanī*,<sup>204</sup> as in Mbh cr.ed. 12,139,47 'I shall take the haunch of a dog, because I am half dead of hunger'.<sup>205</sup>

People with the **shanks** of a dog are inauspicious: they make one penniless.<sup>206</sup>

For the dog's **bile** see under Magic (3.5.3).

The dog's **tail** is called  $j\bar{a}ghan\bar{i}$ ,<sup>207</sup>  $l\bar{a}ng\bar{u}la$ ,  $sva-puccha^{208}$  and  $sv\hat{a}gra^{209}$ ; lexica mention the words dha and vanthara (MW). The letter dha is compared to its curved form.<sup>210</sup> To wag the tail is called in Sa.  $l\bar{a}ng\bar{u}la-c\bar{a}lanam$  kurute<sup>211</sup>, lodayati, BHS ullādayati, in Pāli nanguttham ulloleti,<sup>212</sup> puccham cālayati,<sup>213</sup> where greediness is given as a reason, not joy or hunger, as one would expect, but it is in a Buddhist text. Prākrit uses puccham lolei.<sup>214</sup> If the tail wags very fast, it is said to dance.<sup>215</sup> This flexibility is compared to that of a woman's tongue<sup>216</sup> and the foot of a nautch girl.<sup>217</sup> Otherwise a dog's tail is a symbol of uselessness as are endeavours to straighten it;<sup>218</sup> of a life

- 204 The PWB gives as meaning only *Hundeschwanz*, 'dog's tail', which yields little. Mbh cr.ed. 12,139,53 *tasyâpy adhama uddeśaḥ śarīrasyôru-jāghanī* separates haunch and tail.
- 205 Kşudhito 'ham gata-prāņo harişyāmi śva-jāghanīm. Cf. Manu 10,108 with ref. to Viśvamitra. The scholion on KātyŚS 599,1 was not available to me.
- 206 VarBrS 68,4.
- 207 Mbh 12,139,53.
- 208 Pañcatantra (ed. F. Edgerton. Conn., 1924), p. 19 vs 10f.
- 209 Kathāsaritsāgara 114,116 (PWB ), but the text and Tawney-Penzer read *svāgra-(bhojitau)* the sense of which remains open.
- 210 Vakrī-bhūta-śva-puccha-samniveśa-sadrśo dha-kārah (Malayagiri 188 a 8 on Nandī 39).
- 211 Pañcatantra (Hertel 1904: 4) 1,5 = Bhartrhari 2,31; Pāṇinī 3,1,20 Vārt. 3 has the noun *vyasana* (MW).
- 212 Therīgāthā-atthakathā 243,22 bhatta-piņda-nimittam nangulațțham ullolento sunakho viya.
- 213 Atthasālinī 365,29 yāya taņhāya lābha-tthānesu puccham cālayamānā sunakhā viya kampamānā vicaranti ....
- 214 Commentary 718,7 on BKBh 2547.
- 215 Hemacandra, Pariśişta-parvan II 342 śuni māmsa-lubdhā ... kikasāni jaghāsa sā pucchena nṛtyatā ... , cf. 731 lāngūlam nartayan, said of a monkey.
- 216 See Meyer 1952: 428 note 1.
- 217 Zvelebil 1973: 64; 115 note 1.
- 218 Pañcatantra (Edgerton) I 327 (105). Cf. Kathāratnâkara 254,5 nalikā-dhṛtam api satatam na bhavati saralam śunah puccham 'even if a dog's tail is al-

without knowledge, or learnedness without *dharma*,<sup>219</sup> but the Jhoria tribe in Orissa cuts it in the belief that their dogs then become good hunters.<sup>220</sup> *Paryanta*-dogs have a thin tail.<sup>221</sup> Elwin describes how a dog tries to catch its fate with its own tail made into a noose;<sup>222</sup> see further under Similes (3.2). In southern India, if a dog lies down and wags its tail, some disaster will follow.<sup>223</sup> In consequence of a curse, two *candālas*, leaders of a gang of dacoits, become bob-tailed dogs.<sup>224</sup> For ears and tail of a dog docked, see Cynomantics (3.5.2); for Śunaḥ-puccha and Śunaḥ-śepa see under Names (3.1.4).

Onions are believed to originate from dog's **testicles**.<sup>225</sup> Perhaps there is a connection between this belief and the prohibition of eating onions (*palāndu*) and garlic for brahmins;<sup>226</sup> accordingly onions are also called *nīca-bhojya* 'food for low men' (MW), but they are allowed to Buddhist nuns<sup>227</sup> (as against garlic). The Ājīvikas could eat neither,<sup>228</sup> but the Jains originally were allowed to eat garlic;<sup>229</sup> later, however, neither this nor onions,<sup>230</sup> because they would have many souls.<sup>231</sup> In Tibet onions are thought to abort dead embryos.<sup>232</sup>

The **hair** of the dogs in the Ābhīra country is delicate; those from Kahlera are fair-haired, whereas Karnatic dogs have frizzy hair. Jangle dogs are shaggy and in Tālanīra the dogs are short-

ways put into a tube, it does not become straight' – not even after twelve years (Hitopadeśa [ed. M.R. Kale] 2,136), and Sternbach 1971: 162 (see further below under Similes, p. 84).

- 219 Pañcat (ed. Kosambi) III 3 vs 96 śunah puccham iva vyartham pāndityam dharma-varjitam. Cf. BIS 6487.
- 220 Elwin 1954: 369.
- 221 Mānasollāsa II 4,1302.
- 222 Elwin 1954: 371 (Kamar myth in Orissa).
- 223 Thurston 1912: 25.
- 224 KSS 114,123 śvānau puccha-vinā-krtau.
- 225 Meyer 1937 I 209 < Mbh Kumbhakonam ed. 12,141,91 f. ~ cr. ed. 139,87 f.
- 226 Manu 5, 5 and 19; Mbh 13,91,38f.
- 227 Vinaya IV 259,26.
- 228 Viy (Ladnun ed.) 8,5,242.
- 229 Āyāranga 2,7,2,6.
- 230 BKBh 6049; Cū III 489, 3 on NisīhaBh 4728.
- 231 Cf. Schubring 2000, § 106.
- 232 Hummel 1938/40: 502.

haired.<sup>233</sup> A dog's hair is noticed by the brahmin Guṇaśarman in a  $v\bar{n}a\bar{a}$  the king Mahāsena asks him to play. The king opens the instrument and the hair comes out of its belly,<sup>234</sup> but the oldest version of the story, Vasudevahiṇḍi 128,10, only speaks of  $v\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  'animal hairs' and so does KSS 106,25 ( $b\bar{a}lah$  sthitas tantryām), whereas BKM 13,75<sup>235</sup> and BKŚS 17,142<sup>236</sup> refer to human hair. In Devendra's version Mūladeva speaks only of a hair on the string (*tantie vālo*).<sup>237</sup> 'Hair of the dog', an alcoholic drink to cure a hangover (COD), has no equivalent in Indian literature.

The **fur** of a dog or an ass must be carried on the head by an abortionist,<sup>238</sup> the animals representing the impure outcaste in Vedic symbolism.<sup>239</sup> In a *caṇḍāla* village a hut (?) is covered with dogskins<sup>240</sup> and it may be said proverbially that one does not spread a dogskin as a rug for the back of a horse.<sup>241</sup> Here 'skin' seems to be used in the sense of 'fur'. Further, as an atonement for eating canine flesh, a brahmin has to put a dog's fur on his head.<sup>242</sup>

Sevuna dogs have a thin **skin**.<sup>243</sup> As dogs are not much valued, neither is their skin: which is not the case when a bag of it is made for

- 233 Mānasollāsa II 4,1301ff. Ābhīrās tanu-romāņāķ ... Kahlerāķ sv-accharomāņāķ. Karņāţa-deśa-sambhūtāķ kubja-keśāś ca kukkurāķ. ... Romaśā vana-vāsāķ ... Tālanīra-samutpannāk kāntimanto 'lpa-romakāķ.
- 234 Viņā ... tasyām śva-vālo vidyate 'ntare ... bhūpatih vikṣate; niragāt tāvad vālas tad-garbhatah śunah (KSS 49,19ff. Though MW states śva-bālo a wrong reading for -vālo, Tawney / Penzer adopt the former and translate 'puppy'; how would a little dog come into the soundboard of a viņā?
- 235 Keśâmśa-miśrayā tantryā śruty-amśo vistarī-krtah.
- 236 Keśa-dūșita-tantrikā.
- 237 Jacobi 1886: 57,2. See also Zin 2004: 330.
- 238 ĀpastambaDhS 1,28,21 *bhrūņahā śvâjinaṃ kharâjinaṃ vā bahir-loma paridhāya*. Dogs were also impure for the Hittites, just as swine (Collins 2002: 243; 322 f.).
- 239 Visuvalingam 1989: 170.
- 240 Śva-carmāc chādanâyutam (niveśanam), Mbh cr.ed. 12,139,28 (ed. Poona 1932 śva-carma-cchedanâyutam).
- 241 Cammam .... assa-pitth' –attharanassa hetu na te sunakhassa attharanti (Jātaka VI 353,28\*).
- 242 BKBh II 319,12ff. jo so a-pariņāmao, so nitthiņņo samāņo suņaga-kattim sire kāum māhaņe melittā cau-vvejjassa pāehim padittā sāhai. So cauvvejjeņa "dhiddhi"-kao nicchūdho.
- 243 Mānasollāsa II 4,1301 Sevunāś ca tanu-tvacaķ.

holding milk, as apparently was sometimes done. Thus the government in the hands of Duryodhana is compared to milk in a dogskin;<sup>244</sup> similarly, as milk in a dogskin becomes unclean, because of the impurity of the vessel in which it is kept, so the Vedas become fruitless in a person of bad behaviour.<sup>245</sup>

The corpse of a dog, like that of a jackal, human being, etc., is maggot-infested.<sup>246</sup> At their cremation it is not taken into account that thereby living beings are killed.<sup>247</sup>

#### 2.5 BODILY FUNCTIONS

#### 2.5.1 Nutrition

Dogs in India, as in Homer,<sup>248</sup> are primarily thought of as necrophagous<sup>249</sup> and associated with beings on charnel fields, such as birds (crows, vultures), jackals and outcasts. Thus the Mbh speaks of dogs, vultures, etc., feasting on fallen heroes<sup>250</sup> – no doubt a dog's dinner. The same beings are also given the Vaiśvadeva-bali<sup>251</sup> and in the

- 246 Visuddhimagga 191,24.
- 247 See Bollée 1997: 143 f.
- 248 Faust 1970: 11-21.
- 249 AV 11,10,23; BhāgavataPur 3,14,27 where the body is called śva-bhojana; MārkPur 8,109; Suttanipāta 201; Dīghanikāya II 295,24: Jātaka I 175,6 Bodhisatto ... kukkura-yoniyam nibbattitvā ... susāne vasati; Rasavāhinī 2,10,12, I; Devendra 113b 12 on Uttarajjhāya 6,11 sāna-bhakkham; Somadeva, Yaśastilaka 1,83 ardha-dagdha-śava-leśa-lālasair bhanḍanôdbhaṭa-raṭad-nalântaraiħ ... viśva-kadrubhir upadrutântaram. Yet the dog in SN iv 199,8 when free thinks of going to the village, not to the charnel ground, which the jackal thinks of. – R.P. Jain 1983: 138 (dog eats dead pilgrim). See also Campbell 1885: 276; Crooke II 1896: 219 and Negelein 1912: 302f. See also under 3.2.1.
- 250 Śva-grdhra-kankâkola ..... atrpyams tatra virānām hatānām māmsaśonitaih (Mbh cr.ed. 3,255,31). This social function of these animals is found also, e.g., in Pāli: bhikkhu seyyathâpi passeyya sarīram .... supāņehi vā khajjamānam (MajjhimaN I 58,18; III 91,26 [suvāņehi]).
- 251 Mbh 3,2,57; ĀpDhs 2,4,9,5. Cf. VāsistaDhS 11,9; ViṣṇuDhS 67,26.

<sup>244</sup> Śva-dṛtau kṣīram āsaktam (Mbh cr.ed. 3,34,78 a).`

<sup>245 ....</sup> śva-dṛtau vā yathā payaḥ āśraya-sthāna-doṣeṇa vṛtta-hīne, tathā śrutam (Mbh cr.ed. 12,37,35), cf. 3,34,78.

Sārameyâdana ('dogs' meal,  $r\bar{a}tib'$ )<sup>252</sup> hell<sup>253</sup> the 720 canine messengers of Yama with eye-teeth made of steel eagerly eat such kings and their servants as have destroyed villages or their property.<sup>254</sup> The gods gave Saramā, their bitch, the dew-claws of the primaeval bull.<sup>255</sup>

When dogs can lick the sacrificial victim it is deemed a sign, and the consequence, of the king's failure to punish criminals.<sup>256</sup> In the wild, fowl will be the preferred prey, but this is never mentioned in literature, though originally the words *kurkuta* and *kurkura* may pertain to the same animal;<sup>257</sup> dogs and fowl are found together in Pañcatantra 3,115a.<sup>258</sup> As nowadays, cats and hares were caught also at the time of Ja VI 354,11\* and BKŚS 21,87.<sup>259</sup>

In ChUp 1,12,2ff. a white dog and others appear before the seer Baka Dālbhya and beg him to sing in order to obtain food for them: *annaṃ no Bhagavān āgāyatu* !<sup>260</sup> Among the various kinds of dog's food are rice,<sup>261</sup> rice cakes,<sup>262</sup> butter,<sup>263</sup> buttermilk,<sup>264</sup> plenty of fish,

252 For this Hindustani < Arabic word, written *ratub* in Anglo-Indian, I thank Mr O. von Criegern M.A. in Munich.

- 254 Ye .... grāmān .... vilumpanti rājāno rāja-bhaţā vā, tān .... Yama-dūtā vajradamstrāh śvānah sapta-śatāni vimśatiś ca sa-rabhasam khādanti (BhāgPur 5,26,27). Cf. Mahāvastu I 15,1 where evildoers are said to be roasted in the Tapana-hell and then devoured by dogs. – Dogs as messengers of Death are also found in Africa (Frank 1964: 139).
- 255 AV 9,4,16 te kústhikāh Sarámāyai (rsabham) .... adadhuh.
- 256 Manu VII 20. See also under 3.2.
- 257 Other words meaning 'dog' and 'cock' are *dussatha*, *rudatha* and *śūra*. Dog and cock are often mentioned together, e.g. in Pañcat (Kosambi. 1959) 222 vs. 115, and Jātaka I 299,5 *yakkhā* ... .. *kukkuţa-kukkure ādim katvā sabbe khāditvā*. Both are holy animals in the Avesta (Schlerath 1954: 28). In Isin Bahriat (Iraq) in the 11<sup>th</sup> cent. BCE dogs were the holy animals of the goddess Gula, the lady of Isin, near whose sanctuary more than 30 dogs were buried (Hrouda 1981).
- 258 Śvāna-kukkuţa-cāņdālāh.
- 259 Śva-grhītasya mārjārasyêva kūjitaķ ....
- 260 Discussed in Ruben 1947: 242 ff., the same, 1962: 94 note 133.
- 261 Vasudevahiņdi 290.8 kūraņ dejjā suņagāņa.
- 262 Agni-grhān nītāh purodāšah śunā (Brhatkathā-ślokasamgraha 2,7).
- 263 Commentary on BKBh 108,9 ghayam, tam pi chaddiyallayantam tesim bhandantānam suņehim cattiyam bhūmie vā paviţtham. See Leumann 1897: 44,21 in Balbir 1993: 437.
- 264 Kauțilya 2,29,27 uda-śvicchva-varāhebhyo dadyuķ.

<sup>253</sup> BhāgPur 5,26,7.

meat and blood,<sup>265</sup> in Pāli literature meat<sup>266</sup> and bones,<sup>267</sup> but also curds,<sup>268</sup> lumps of milkrice<sup>269</sup> and "dog's bits" (*suvāna-piņḍa*)<sup>270</sup>, and in a palace even the same food as the king.<sup>271</sup> In AV 1,14,4 also the human afterbirth is given to the dog. Dogs are not only gourmands, but also gourmets, for it seems proverbial that, when there is (enough) fish (!) and meat (in the house), the dogs do not resort to a cadaver.<sup>272</sup> A Punjabi pet in an aristocratic household in the 20<sup>th</sup> century obtained *halva*, i.e. sago mixed with ghee and sugar into a rich paste.<sup>273</sup> "For the quality of its barks" a dog is given a mixture of milk and a pair of dogs made of dough, after worshipping these substances with a pure mind.<sup>274</sup> Sometimes a dog is used as a tester which, however, then can prove lethal.<sup>275</sup>

- 266 Spk II 295,11 on SamyuttaNikāya III 87,25 even indicates the way dogs eat meat by tearing at it: na rūpam sunakho viya mamsam luñcitvā luñcitvā khādati. Infernal dogs rend limbs off bodies: sārameyās tatah śighram śātayanti śarīratah (MārkPur 12,32).
- 267 Milindapañha 67,28 kukkuriņiyo akkkhalāni atthikāni mamsāni khādanti; Ja II 193,26 (Mamsam) dun-nikkhittam sunakhā khādimsu.
- 268 Ja VI 358,5 dadhim pātum āraddha-sunakho.
- 269 Dhp-a I 171,8 sunakhiyā gopālakena vaddhetvā diyyamānam pāyāsapiņdam disvā. The pāyāsa was made with much ghee: pahūtena sappinā (170,22). Cf. Hemacandra's auto-comment (ed. Jambūvijaya. Bombay, 1977), p. 404 vs 8 on his Yogaśāstra 2,114 (Śrenikas) pāyasânnam stokam stokam śunām dadau | yāval lilihire śvānas, tāvac ca bubhuje svayam || and Ja II 246,27 sunakho .... pinda-bhattam labhanto thūla-sarīro jāto.
- 270 Visuddhimagga 344,12 The trsl. 'dog biscuit' in PED is wrong. Bread for dogs is called by Lodrick 1981: 19 kutta kī rotī in Hindī.
- 271 Ja I 178,2 rājā .... sabba-sunakhānam attano bhojana-sadisam eva niccabhattam paṭṭhapetvā. Also in Homer, noblemen like Priam and Achilles keep canine table companions (τραπεζήες κύνες), Achilles as many as nine which follow him in battle (Iliad 23,173). For a picture of dogs at the couches used at meals on a 6<sup>th</sup> cent. BCE Greek crater see Dalby 1996: frontispiece and fig. 18.
- 272 Lāmehi a lāavallaham to kkhāhiśi maccha-mamśakam edehim macchamamsakehim śunaā malaam na śevanti (Mrcch 1,26). Cf. BIS 5433: a dog gnaws at a shoe even if he has good food.
- 273 Godden 1972: 334.
- 274 Sternbach 1974-: 4446.
- 275 KSS 75,146 sa pakvânnam dattavāms tatah sārameyāya sa ca tatkhāditvâiva vyapadyata.

<sup>265</sup> Das 2003: 119 quoting Suśruta and Caraka.

Dogs often lick at something thus making it unusable.<sup>276</sup> Therefore the cub which was beaten by Janamejava's brothers complains to his mother that he had neither looked nor licked at the offering and yet was punished (vide infra). Such licking apparently occurred so often as to become more or less proverbial. Rāvana, too, entered the sacrificial ground as an impure dog.<sup>277</sup> In the Devasarman story this seer calls upon Parasurama to take care that in his absence Indra does not spoil his wife. The verb avalihati literally means 'to lick off.'278 If a dog manages to lap the oblation it shows that the king has failed in his legal duty of inflicting punishment.<sup>279</sup> Thus it is clear that, when a dog licks the axle of a chariot carrying a Jain monk, this is considered an offence against the order.<sup>280</sup> Smacking noises made by a dog when eating are described as *pat-patam*.<sup>281</sup> Utsarga and bali oblations are thrown on the ground for dogs, cāndālas and birds.<sup>282</sup> In the same way bread, which is used in the transference of evil, is thrown to dogs, when a corpse is carried to the burning *ghāt* in Guiarat "in order to rest the soul of the deceased",<sup>283</sup> if not to take away the evil influence of the sight (cf. below under 3.5). It is a realistic observation that a dog swallows without chewing as the Atharvaveda maintained with respect to Rudra's dogs.<sup>284</sup> Unrealistic, however, seems to

- 276 E. g. BaudhŚS 14,9:16 *a-medhya-bhūtasyâiva śvâvaghrātasya .... yad u cânyad a-medhyam manyate.* Such food may be given to *rākşasas* (Mbh 13,23,5f.). According to BaudhDhS 1,4,6,4 pots touched by a dog must be heated until they are red-hot to become pure again. See also under 3.1.1.
- 277 Rām 7,18,6 Rāvaņah prāvišat yajñam sārameya ivâśucih.
- 278 Yathā rucim nâvalihed devêndro, Bhrgu-sattama !, kratāv upahitam nyastam havih śvêva durātmavān, Mbh 13,40,39.
- 279 Manu VII 21. It is a bad omen when a dog carries away an oblation (*purodāsa*; BKŚS 2,7).
- 280 Ohabhāşya 193 (Mette 1974: 30).
- 281 Tam pața-pațam ti khādamānam ekam sunakham disvā, Sv 996,20. Cf. perhaps AV 11,2,30 ailaba-kārá.
- 282 MārkPur 29,23 and 46; ViṣṇuDhS 67,26. Naunidhirāma, Sārôddhāra 3,41.
- 283 Abbott 1932: 406. According to Stevenson 1920: 193 feeding dogs in this world serves to keep Yama's two dogs in good temper towards the spirit of the deceased, cf. 238. According to Diodorus III 62 the dying Persian had to give a dog a morsel, see also Jung 1973: 302 f.
- 284 Rudrásyailabakārébhyo 'samsūkta-gilébhyah idám mahấsyebhyo śvábhyo akaram námah (AV 11,2,30).

be a dog drinking sour rice gruel.<sup>285</sup> Milk does not stay in a lowly container like a dog's belly,<sup>286</sup> but buttermilk is recommended.<sup>287</sup>

Like a dog, a soul not having acquired *dharma* in previous existences eats food left over by others, according to Hemacandra.<sup>288</sup> For humans, food remnants left by a dog are better than food obtained unlawfully, <sup>289</sup> but their consumption has to be atoned for by drinking a decoction of the Helianthus (sunflower) or Clerodendrum indicum (a Verbenacea plant).<sup>290</sup> Ja VI 63,19\* the Bodhisatta eats fried meat a dog had stolen, but left.<sup>291</sup> A member of a *caṇḍāla* family, living on food left by dogs, is badly reborn.<sup>292</sup> A dog eating very little is a bad omen and causes misery in the house.<sup>293</sup>

Thus far the data from literature. The actual normal practice, which may not be very different from the past, is described by the Wisers as: "Dogs are rarely fed. Mangy and alive with fleas and ticks, they wander about the village lanes, stealing any unguarded food or devouring any waste which their desperate noses scent. Our suggestion that puppies unprovided for be drowned, is met with gentle remonstrance. Yet those which do not starve in infancy are allowed to grow up into an existence of constant fighting over stray scraps, until they die and are devoured by vultures and their starving brothers."<sup>294</sup> In Mumbai Jains keep a vegetarian dog asylum (p.c. Mr Manish Modi; see

- 285 Sabbehi pi padehi suvāna-doņiyam kañjiyam pivanaka-sunakhassa aññam sunakham disvā bhubhu-kkaranam viya ... (Vibh-a 477,4).
- 286 Śālibhadracarita 5,57 kşīram śvānôdare ..... na tişthati, see Bloomfield 1923: 290.
- 287 Udaśvic chva-varāhebhyo dadyuh, Kaut 2,29,27.
- 288 Hemacandra, Trișașți 1,1,312 and Pariśișța 3,260 in a simile.
- 289 Ja VI 63,26 f.\* na câpi me ... a-bhakkho yam hoti cattam gihino sunakhassa vā. Ye keci bhogā idha dhamma-laddhā, sabbo bha[k]kho "an-avajjo" ti vutto.
- 290 Manu 11,159 vidāla-kākâkhûcchiṣṭaṃ jagdhvā śvana-kulasya ca | keśakīţâvapannaṃ ca pibed brahma-suvarcalām || .
- 291 [sunakh'-]Ucchițthakam, Janaka, bhuñjase tvam.
- 292 Sunakhôcchițța-bhatta-bhuñjanaka-caṇḍāla-kule jāto, Apadāna-ațțhakathā 335,14f.
- 293 Varāhamihira 89,10.
- 294 Wiser 1963: 68. Cf. Alsdorf 1962:3.

also Glasenapp 1999: 371 [ $p\bar{a}\tilde{n}jr\bar{a}pol$ ] and Tobias 1991: 34). Dholes are said to be "living on .... deer and wild pig in the Indian jungles".<sup>295</sup>

# 2.5.2 Excreted substances

Dogs are made to **vomit** after drinking buttermilk with *kuśa* grass, in order to find out if it is they who have ruined the king's chariot by gnawing at and swallowing the straps.<sup>296</sup> Dog's vomit seems to be the summum of disgustingness and is found in an unrealistic simile to prove that things are devoid of mutual concern and reviewing: "Just as when in a dog's trough there is dog's vomit, neither the trough knows: 'there is dog's vomit in me', nor does the vomit know: 'I am in a dog's trough'.<sup>297</sup> The vomit also occurs three times in the Visuddhimagga: āhāro (...) suvāņa-doņiyam thita-suvāņa-vamathu viya parama-jeguccha-bhāvam upagacchati.<sup>298</sup> Yet dogs sometimes lick it up again; thus in Pindanijjutti 192 we find sunaya-vanta as a-bhojja and Hemacandra<sup>299</sup> lets Rathanemi ask Rājīmatī who was deserted by the latter's brother, her husband, and is now approached by her brother-in-law: "Am I a dog that you talk about drinking vomit ?" (Johnson). Rathanemi, however, is asked to drink the milk Rājīmatī had vomited to give him a lesson. For this divergence, which also occurs between Haribhadra on Dasaveyāliya 6,7 and Devendra on Utt 22,42, etc., see Alsdorf's article vantam āpātum.<sup>300</sup>

297 Yathā suvāna-doņiyam thite suvāna-vamathumhi na suvāna-doņi jānāti: "mayi suvāna-vamathu thito" ti nâpi suvāna-vamathu jānāti: "aham suvāna-doņiyam thito" ti ... (Vibhanga-a 62,29 ff.) Aññamaññam ābhogapaccavekkhana-rahitā ete dhammā (Vism 353,24 f. with Nānamoli's trsl. in which 'consideration' would be better than 'reviewing').

<sup>295</sup> Crooke 1906: 142.

<sup>296</sup> Koleyya-sunakhe ānāpetvā thokam takkam ca dabba-tināni ca āharāpetha ! (Ja I 177,23; this reference of takka is missing in Yamazaki's and Ousaka's index Oxford, 2003).

<sup>298</sup> Vism 344,17; further 259,17 and 358,28.

<sup>299</sup> Trişaşţi° 8,9,269 kim aham śvâsmi vānta-pānāya vakşi yat ? Cf. Pariśista 1,379 bhavişyasi vāntâśī nikrşţah kukkurād api.

<sup>300</sup> Alsdorf 1974: 178 ff.

The **milk** of a bitch is not fit for a fivefold bath of consecration in Vīraśaivism<sup>301</sup> and serves only a dog, but it can be used in magic (see 3.5.3).

To pass urine, used of (male) dogs, is called in Sanskrit (ava)mūtravati or janghām utksipati, in Pāli passāvam karoti. The first form occurs, when a dog raises its leg at a tree, which foretells good luck to achieve the purpose of a journey.<sup>302</sup> and when it makes water into the hand of a drunkard.<sup>303</sup> The second idiom, when it piddles at the pedestal of a Śiva idol,<sup>304</sup> the last, in Pāli, when the deity Pañcasikha changes himself into a dog, and micturates in front of five brahmins.<sup>305</sup> The story of a dog urinating on sesame seeds and thus defiling them,<sup>306</sup> may be a later recension in which the dog only nibbled at them. Before expelling urine dogs are said to be fond of smelling the plant kulāhala, identified by MW as kokaśimā, Coryza terebinthina or Celsia coromandelina.<sup>307</sup> For dogs' urine allegedly blinding tigers see sub 2.7 (p. 54). Passing urine on horses or elephants and then going in front of a traveller predicts the latter will have a succesful undertaking.<sup>308</sup> When Bhils besetting Nala are compared to dogs surrounding an elephant,<sup>309</sup> this may just characterize the men and hardly represents a real situation for the animals. If an oblation is defiled by dogs', cats' etc., excrements, it should be thrown into water.310

To tread in canine **faeces** (*vacca*) in gutters, as a barefoot monk may have to do in order to reach a house door, is of course repuls-

- 307 Suśruta 1,138,17 in PWB.
- 308 Varāhamihira, Brh 89,1.
- 309 Hemacandra, Triº 8,3,492.
- 310 BaudhŚS 27,9 (Dandekar 1958:465).

<sup>301</sup> Basavanna, 1967: 73 no 223.

<sup>302</sup> AgniPur 232,19 avamūtrya vrajati subham desam tathā drumam .... Cf. Varāhamihira 89,1.

<sup>303</sup> Hemacandra, Yogaśāstra 3,11 madyapasya ... mūtrayanti mukhe svāno. Cf. Bloomfield 1919: 61 and p. 82 below.

<sup>304</sup> KSS 61,210 śvā devasyâruhya pīthikām janghām utksipya .....

<sup>305</sup> Ja V 389,29 Pañcasikho .... atta-bhāvam jahitvā sunakho hutvā tesam purato passāvam karonto ....

<sup>306</sup> Pañcatantra 2,85 (NSP ed. Bombay, 1950: 161,18) tilānām madhye kaścit sārameyo mūtrôtsargam cakāra. Cf. Hertel 1904: 127 (= KSS 61,106) and Edgerton 1965: 88.

ive.<sup>311</sup> This unpleasant quality makes it very proper for infernal punishment. Thus it says in Manu X 91 that whoever applies sesamum to any other purpose than food, unguents or  $d\bar{a}na$ , will be reborn a worm in dog's dirt,<sup>312</sup> just as the Karitalal copper-plate grant (C.E. 493–4) says that he who confiscates land will suffer that fate.<sup>313</sup> And a soma-seller becomes in his next life a usurer and, going to hell three hundred times, lives on dog's dung.<sup>314</sup> According to the Skanda-Purāṇa, those who hear the Kathā while chewing betel leaf are made to eat doggy dreck in hell.<sup>315</sup>

Another application of excrement, together with hair, nails, etc. of various animals, among them dogs, is prescribed by Suśruta for the preparation of oil and ghee to be used internally, as well as in sniffing and as unguents for the cure of all sorts of mental disorders.<sup>316</sup> Seeing dog dirt is fatal to friends.<sup>317</sup> See further under 3.5.

#### 2.5.3 Diseases

Blindness in dogs is caused by fever.<sup>318</sup>

The canine disease most referred to is *eranda* **'rabies**'<sup>319</sup> and the animals affected by it are called (a)la(r)ka,<sup>320</sup> in Middle-Indian *alakka*; the adjective is *ālarka* resp. *ālakka*.<sup>321</sup> The illness is described by Suśruta: "The bodily Vāyu (wind) in conjunction with the (aggravated) Kapha (phlegm) of a jackal, dog, wolf, bear, tiger or any

- 313 Saletore 1943: 550, and 552 quoting the Brhaspatisamhitā (11–12<sup>th</sup> cent.) 26 ff. śva-vistāyām kṛmiḥ.
- 314 Somam ... vikrīyād śrotriyo vārdhuşī bhūtvā .... narakam trimsatam prāpya śva-vistam upajīvati (Mbh cr.ed. 13,104,14).
- 315 Dange 1986: 117.
- 316 Suśruta, *Utt* 60,29, cf. 60,25. Cf. dog excrement used in a medico-magic procedure by the Hittites (Collins 2002: 322), and by the ancient Jews (Loth 1994: 784).
- 317 VarāhamihiraBrS 51,18 gaja-go-śunām purīşam dhana-yuvati-suhrdvināśa-karam.
- 318 BrahmaPur (Wiesbaden, 1987) 40,115.
- 319 See Bollée 1998 III: 53.
- 320 On its etymology see Burrow 1972: 45 and Mayrhofer, EWAia III 15.
- 321 Bhattapaccakkhāņa-paiņņa 125 ālakka-visam va purisassa.

<sup>311</sup> Visuddhimagga 343,21.

<sup>312</sup> Cf. BaudhDhS 2,1,2,26.

other such ferocious beast affects the sensory nerves of these animals and overwhelms their instinct and consciousness. The tails, jaw-bones (i. e., neck) and shoulders of such infuriated animals naturally droop down, attended with a copious flow of saliva from their mouths. The beasts in such a state of frenzy, blinded and deafened by rage, roam about and bite each other ....A person bitten by a rabid animal barks and howls like the animal by which he is bitten.<sup>322</sup> imitates it in many other ways and, bereft of the specific functions and facilities of a human subject, ultimately dies ....."323 This unlucky development is alluded to in a simile in the Uttararāmacarita.<sup>324</sup> "Dogs which go mad are allowed to wander dangerously until they die, or until untouchables agree to beat them to death. When one of our own dogs contracted rabies, our neighbors ... disapproved of the shooting of our dog."325 Nevertheless the Agni-Pur 279,58 states as a remedy a draught consisting of the juice of the Arka plant (Calotropis Gigantea).<sup>326</sup> sesamum oil and ground sesamum with jaggery; it should quite quickly suppress the dog-poison, which is hard to be restrained.<sup>327</sup> Another recipe was a decoction of karnikāra (Pterospermum acerifolium) and sauvira (jujube) plants, mixed with honey and three pungent substances [pepper, etc.] and combined with the seed of a creeper, sugar and milk.<sup>328</sup> Suśruta prescribes a similar treatment for a man bitten by an *ālarka*.<sup>329</sup> In the Bombay region

- 324 Para-grha-vāsa-dūşaņam ...... ālarkam vişam iva sarvatah prasrtam, 1,40.
- 325 Wiser 1963: 69. Yet a bad king may be put to death like a mad dog (Mbh 13,61,33).
- 326 S. K. Jain 1991: 42 and 209 confirms the use of Calotropis against hydrophobia, p. 14 of the root of Aegle marmelos, and p. 70 of Datura metel against dogbite, but not of Sesame (p. 163) or Saccharum officin. (p. 158).
- 327 Arka-kşīram tilam tailam palalam ca gudam samam II pānām jayati durvāram śva-vişam śīghram eva ca I
- 328 Sternbach 8829 karņikāra-sasauvīra-guptām tri-kaţu-mādhavīm | yaşţidhānya-guda-kşīram dasto matta-sunā pibet.
- 329 Suśruta, Kalpa VI (or VII in the ed. Calcutta, 1917) 8B.

<sup>322</sup> Kāvinda, too, howls like a mad dog when possessed by the *yakṣa* Naradeva: *ahaṃ ummattaka-sunakho viya viravāmi* (Ja VI 383,14).

<sup>323</sup> Suśruta, Kalpa. VI 4ff. translated by Bhishagratna 1963: 733f. Hemacandra, Tri<sup>o</sup> 1,2,39 confirms this in a simile. – In Uttarpradesh alone about 200 people died every day in 1985 after being bitten by mad dogs (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* of April 26, 1985).

about 1900, the victim of a rabid dog went to a dog's well (*kutri*  $b\bar{a}vad\bar{i}$ ) inhabited by a *vacharo*, a spirit who cures hydrophobia, with two earthen cups with milk, with a *paisa* in each, and emptied the contents into the water, in the hope of being healed. There is such a well near Sholāpur in the Deccan.<sup>330</sup> A sick animal designated as mad dog seems to be used also in a simile for a person unable to tell pure from impure.<sup>331</sup> The dog bite in Agni-Pur 170,45 is not determined as caused by rabies and therefore only requires a *krcchra-vrata* as a penance for being touched by an impure being. In Gujarat the goddess Hadkāī protects against rabies, and therefore rides a black and white dog with a curved hairy tail.<sup>332</sup> *Alarka* is also a worm with eight legs, sharp canine teeth and needlelike hairs, the rebirth of a  $r\bar{a}ksasa.^{333}$ 

**Mange** is rare in literature: only one reference was found, in a  $13^{\text{th}}$  century Pāli text, where a brahmin saw a mangy dog in a resthouse and out of pity healed him by means of the sap of a black creeper<sup>334</sup> pressed into sour buttermilk,<sup>335</sup> probably for external use. Yet the disease cannot have been rare. Alsdorf, at any rate, saw many mangy dogs on his travels in 1930.<sup>336</sup> "Do not die like a dog"<sup>337</sup> says Vidurā and thus adhorts her son to engage in battle. Dying thus is infamous for a *kṣatriya*.

Dogs, horses and asses are believed to soon forget pain.<sup>338</sup>

332 Fischer / Jain / Shah 1982: 82.

- 334 Vanda tessellata Roxburghii (MW), an orchid (S. K. Jain 1991: 185, where it is stated to be used against sores).
- 335 Brāhmaņo .... kuţiha-rogâtura-sunakham disvā tasmim kāruññena nīlavallim takk'-ambile madditvā pāyesi. Sunakho upasanta-rogo pākatiko hutvā .... (Rasavāhinī 2,8,3 ed. Geiger).

338 Pañcatantra V 6 vs 56 (ed. Kosambi. Bombay, 1950, p. 331).

<sup>330</sup> Enthoven 1924: 107.

<sup>331</sup> Rasavāhinī (Colombo, 1961) 187,25\* *a-jānanto khitta-citto bhave tam a-sucim sucim | garutabbe a-jānanto ummatto sunakho viya.* ||

<sup>333</sup> Mbh 12,3,13.

<sup>336 2005: 193</sup> f.

<sup>337</sup> Mbh 5, 131,9 mā śvêva nidhanam vraja !

# 2.6 Nature and behaviour (*śauvana;* Pāli *kukkurâkappa*, *kukkurānaṃ gamanâkāra*)

Canine behaviour is described by Buddhaghosa as 'standing, sitting ... answering calls of nature, and showing the teeth after seeing other dogs'.<sup>339</sup> Yet there are other physical aspects as, e.g., barking; scratching; digging holes; wagging the tail, e.g., in order to get food; gnawing a bone or, as an alternative, a shoe; rolling on the ground and a particular way of copulating.

Dogs distinguish themselves audibly from other animals by **barking**, for which the RV has the word  $r\bar{a}yati$ : 'bark at a thief, Sārameya, or a dacoit; regressive one,<sup>340</sup> you bark at those who sing Indra's praise ....'.<sup>341</sup> From the epic onwards we also find the onomatopoeic verbs *bukkati* and *bhaṣate*, Pāli *bhasati* and *bhu*[*s*]*sati*, *bhūsati*, further Sa.  $g\bar{a}yate$ , *ruvati*, *virauti* and *svanati*<sup>342</sup>; Pā. (*vi*)*ravati*,<sup>343</sup> *huṃ karoti*<sup>344</sup> and *bhuṃ bhuṃ karoti*. The last expression is used of a dog ascetic who imitates his idols.<sup>345</sup> BHS *bukkati*<sup>346</sup> and Pkt *b*(*h*)*ukkai*<sup>347</sup> are rare. Hāla uses the latter form when he says that a lascivious woman trains her dog with food and drink to greet her lover, but to bark at the master of the house when he comes home. *Bhaṣati* occurs in the Mahābhārata when Ekalavya shoots seven ar-

- 342 MārkPur 12,27 śvānas .... svananti.
- 343 For Ja IV 183,13\* kim ravi sunakho tava (B<sup>e</sup>), C<sup>e</sup>E<sup>e</sup> read kim dhīra, S<sup>e</sup>: viravi.
- 344 Dhp-a I 173,1 used of a dog which sees a Paccekabuddha fly away in the sky and barks out of grief, then dies. There is, however, for *hum karitvā* a variant *bhukkaritvā*.
- 345 Bhum bhum katvā hattha-pāde samminjitvā sunakho viya nisīdi (Papañcasūdanī III 101,3).
- 346 Karmavacana 22,7; 26,1.
- 347 Pischel § 209: Hāla, *Sattasaī* (ed. Weber) 664 (not in Patwardhan's ed.) *khāņeņa a pāņeņa a taha gahio maņdalo adaaņāi jaha jāram ahiņandai bhukkai ghara-sāmie ente*. Further *bhukkau chaņayandahu sārameu* 'let the dog bark at the full-moon' (Shriyan 1969: 172).

<sup>339</sup> Ps III 101,18 ff. ad M I 388,1.

<sup>340 ?</sup> Cf. perhaps vivartana 'backing off' in Mbh 5,70,71.

<sup>341</sup> Stenám rāya, Sārameya, táskaram vā punah-sara ! Stotŕn Indrasya rāyasi (RV 7,55,3).

rows into the mouth of a dog because he barks at him.<sup>348</sup> The man may have deemed it a bad omen, just as Veda recital has to stop, when a dog barks,<sup>349</sup> and barking in dreams portends misfortune.<sup>350</sup> Bhusati and variants occur in the story of the cowherd who has trained his dog to fetch a Paccekabuddha by barking three times at the door of his hut.<sup>351</sup> When seeing the monk leaving through the air, it barked before having a heart attack from grief.<sup>352</sup> A dog also hum karoti to indicate that it has found something buried in the earth.<sup>353</sup> Barking at the Buddha can have serious consequences, as the Tathagata is said to have told the former brahmin Todeyya, reborn a dog in his own former house: "Todeyya, as you formerly offended me by barking at me and also now bark (at me), you will go to the Avīci hell."354 It is deemed dangerous, if a dog barks at the full moon<sup>355</sup> and at the sun at sunrise<sup>356</sup> (see further under 3.5.2). At the sound of dogs, asses or camels the study of the Veda must be interrupted.<sup>357</sup> When Sakka turned Mātali into a dog, his barking was one of the loudest three sounds in Jambudvīpa.358

- 348 Bhaşatah śunah sapta śarān mukhe ... mumoca (Nişādah), Mbh 1,123,19ff. Cf. Kathāratnâkara 185,20 where Arjuna is surprised to see a dog the mouth of which is full of arrows shot by a Bhil, but which do not hurt its lips, palate, tongue or teeth: Arjunah śvānam ekam aviddhádharôsta-tālu-rasanā-daśanaih śaraih pūrņa-mukham ālokya.
- 349 ĀpDhS 1,3,10.19; Manu IV 115; AgniPur 162,15.
- 350 Enthoven 1924: 245.
- 351 Sv 317,20f. and more fully Dhp-a I 171.
- 352 Sunakhassa tam ākāsena gacchantam disvā hum karitvā thitassa .. .. hadayam phalitam, Dhp-a I 173,1.
- 353 Sunakho .... hum hum ti karonto .... pādena paṭhavim khanitvā saññam adāsi (Papañcasūdanī V 10,9f.).
- 354 Nam Bhagavā avoca: "Todeyya, tvam pubbe pi mam: bho bho ti paribhavitvā sunakho jāto, idāni pi bhukkāram katvā Avīcim gamissasîti" (Sumangalavilāsinī 384,25). Cf. the fate of Udayana who set his dogs on a Pratyeka-buddha and was therefore devoured by dogs in 500 subsequent births (Lacote 1908: 246).
- 355 Shriyan 1969: 172 bhukkau chaṇayandahu sārameu.
- 356 Sūryôdaye 'rkâbhimukho virauti ... yadi sārameyaļi, Varāhamihira, BrhS 89,2, see further under 3.5.2.
- 357 Manu 4,115 śva-kharôstre ca ruvati. Cf. ApDhS 1,3,10,19, etc.
- 358 Ja IV 182,17 ff.

To quiet a dog one says ced ced ! to it.359

The whelp, which in the beginning of the Mahābhārata approached Janamejaya's long *sattra* and was beaten by his brothers, ran howling to his mother, the *deva-śunī* Saramā, who then went to Janamejaya and prophesied that an unseen danger would come to him.<sup>360</sup> Intrauterine communication, which we know since RV 4,18,2, is not restricted to gods<sup>361</sup> and humans, but takes place also in canine embryos, who barked at and wanted to bite a man whom their mother greeted by licking his feet.<sup>362</sup>

For  $g\bar{a}yate$  in a proverb see under 3.2. – Barking is designated as *pratiravaṇa*,<sup>363</sup> *bukkana* and *bhaṣaṇa*<sup>364</sup>, *bhaṣita*,<sup>365</sup>; in Pā. *bhubhukkaraṇa*,<sup>366</sup>, *bhuṃ-karaṇa*,<sup>367</sup> and *bhusita*,<sup>368</sup>; in BHS *buk-kāra*.<sup>369</sup> In Rangoon in the sixties the present author noticed that every day at about 11 a. m. the dogs would howl near the monasteries, waiting for the monks to return from their alms round. They would often get, as he was told, the cold mixture in the alms bowls, while the monks would eat fresh warm meals, thus reducing the alms-tour to a mere opportunity for laymen to collect karmic merit. People knowing the canine language (*sāṇa-ruta*) are mentioned in the Kuvalayamālā, p. 184,14. For the howl of a dog Deśīnāmamāla 1,132 states *uṇṇuio huṃkaro gaganônmukhasya śunaḥ śabdaḥ*. On *śva-niśā*, 'the night in

- 360 Sa Janamejayasya bhrāţrbhir abhihato rorūyamāņo mātuḥ samīpam upāgacchat .... (Mbh I 3,2). See Hiltebeitel 2001: 170. Iranian influence ? (see Willman-Grabowska 1931: 31). Cf. Hemacandra 1958: 698 kim api bhayam tat patati, yena samāpsyate janma. On unseen perils in Graeco-Egyptian magic see Bonner 1950: 95–102.
- 361 See Bollée 2005a: 6. At BrahmaPur 124,53ff. Indra enters Diti's womb in order to cut the embryo of Agastya's son to pieces though it implores him not to do so. From the pieces the Maruts arise who, still from the womb, inform Agastya that Indra had acted like a dog-eater.
- 362 Chavannes 1910: C 252.
- 363 Kauțilya 5,5,11. Cf. Mbh 5,70,71 pratirāva 'bark in reply'.
- 364 Hemacandra, Abhidh 1407.
- 365 Jātakamāla 23,8.
- 366 Vibhanga-a 477,5.
- 367 Jātaka VI 355,5.
- 368 In Jātaka IV 182,17 Indra's dog Mahākaņho .... mahā-bhusitam bhusi.
- 369 Cf. βαύ in Iosephus Alexandrinus' De acc., p. 32,23 and Lilja 1976: 47, also for the verb βαύζω.

<sup>359</sup> PārGrS I 16,24.

which dogs howl' (PWB), the authorities differ, for Vasu<sup>370</sup> thinks it means 'tomorrow night.' We do not know the kind of noise made by Rudra's dogs in AV 11,2,30 *ailaba-kārá*. Usually a dog will growl before barking. The noun for this, *kṣveḍa*, occurs in Mbh 5,70,71. In Pāli it is (*kukkura-)kūjita*, as Buddhaghosa tells us.<sup>371</sup> For attacks see at 3.1.7. Before a stronger enemy a dog will bare his teeth and growl, but then slink away;<sup>372</sup> to his own abode, however, a dog, too, becomes terrifying. <sup>373</sup> The sound *him* is made by dogs holding paws around their leader, a white dog, in order to obtain food from the seer Dālbhya Baka.<sup>374</sup> Sanskrit expresses this flattering somebody by a dog by the verb *laḍati*.<sup>375</sup> A dog's sneezing and scratching as portents are dealt with in 3.5.2.

The animal also scratches the earth for things buried there<sup>376</sup> and is in the habit of **scratching**,<sup>377</sup> or **digging** a hole, for a lair.<sup>378</sup>

"When one tosses a morsel to a dog, it wags its **tail**, rolls at the feet (of the giver), falls on the ground and turns up its face and belly towards him."<sup>379</sup> "If a dog comes face-to-face with him in a joyous mood frolicking and rolling on the ground in front of him, then ... will there be great gain of wealth ... to the person who starts on a journey." <sup>380</sup> A dog is a conservative animal and will gnaw a shoe even if made a king.<sup>381</sup>

- 375 Alamkāraratnâkara 61b (R. Schmidt, Nachträge zum Sanskrit-Wörterbuch).
- 376 Śunī nidhāna-sthānam amhrinā cakhāna (Hemacandra, Pari<sup>o</sup> 2, 352; it remains open why this is said of a bitch). Cf. König 1984: 63 f.
- 377 Pāņini 1,3,21 vārt.: *apaskirate śvâśrayârthī* 'the dog scratches to make his lair'.
- 378 Hemac, Pari<sup>o</sup> 2,352; Surasundarī 2,103 peccha imam ... suņaham cullīe sunna-gehammi sieņa kuņakuņantam kharakhara-khaddam khaņemāņam.
- 379 Pañc I 10 (Edgerton 1965: 27). The text (1924: 19) runs: lāngūla-cālanam adhaś caraņâvapātam bhūmau nipatya vadanôdara-darśanam ca śvā piņḍa-dasya kurute. Trsl. 1924: 278. Cf. below, Hitopadeśa 3,42, and KSS 61, 212. In Harşacarita 225,1 a klība's mean fawnings are compared to a dog.
- 380 Sternbach 1974: 5097.
- 381 Hitopadeśa 3,7,58.

<sup>370 1891:319</sup> on Pāņini 2,4,25.

<sup>371</sup> Ps III 100,26.

<sup>372</sup> Sternbach 1974: 7321, 8816.

<sup>373</sup> Sake gehe kukkuro vi dāva caņdo bhodi (Mrcch 1,43).

<sup>374</sup> ChUp 1,12,4; Ruben 1935: 134. See further infra under 3.1.7.

Moreover, canine sex life did not fail to catch the interest of some authors. According to Śīlâńka even an emaciated, one-eved, limping,<sup>382</sup> deaf, tailless, hungry, old dog whose neck is hurt by pots and bowls, whose body is polluted by wounds, moist with pus, and hundreds of ant peoples, is affected by passion even when bitten.<sup>383</sup> Thus also Hala writes: " May my (pet) bitch, who when she departs for another village draws after her a whole pack of hounds, live for a hundred years in unimpaired charm (i.e. sexual attractiveness)." 384 Struck by the characteristic that dogs turn away after copulation,<sup>385</sup> he asks "from where has the dog who (formerly) flattered (coaxed his mate) in that manner (i.e. abundantly), (now) learnt that (well-known) (art of) turning away his face, the moment his object (viz, coitus) is achieved ?" insinuating that they learnt it from his brother-in-law.<sup>386</sup> Dogs and jackals mate with their sisters; the Koliyans used this behaviour offensively against the Sākiyans, see 3.2.1. The canine reproduction process seems pleasant only in the beginning just as debts. pregnancy, etc., thus suggesting a transfer of human experience.<sup>387</sup> In their mating period – Bhādrapada (Aug.-Sept.) – dogs should not be considered as bad omens.<sup>388</sup> It is of course wrong, when Dhammapāla states that a bitch brings forth one pup in the sixth or seventh month (after impregnation).389

- 382 For modern animals with this defect when run over by a train Alsdorf coined the term *canis ferroviarius tripes*. See also his remarks in 2005: 193.
- 383 Ţīkā I 115 a 3 on Śūyagada 1,4,2,1 krśah kānah khañjah śravana-rahitah kşudhā-kşamo jīrnah piharaka-kapālârdita-galah / vranaih pūya-klinnaih krmi-kula-śatair āvila-tanuh śunīm anveti śvā hatam api ca hanty eva madanah.
- 384 Anņa-ggāma-pauțihā kaddantī mandalāna rimcholim akkhandia-sohaggā varisa-saam jiau me suņiā (689; Patwardhan 627).
- 385 Nivattiya-kajja-parammuhā suņayā (688). See also Emeneau 1943: 163 and cf. Harşacarita 222,14 śarīram kşapayatah śuna iva nija-dāraparāmmukhasya.
- 386 Saccam sāhasu, deara ! Taha-taha caduāraena suņaeņa nivvattia-kajjaparam muhattanam sikkhiam katto ? (690; Patwardhan 1980: 628 whose translation is quoted here).
- 387 Śukranīti III 578 f. quoted after Meyer 1926: 855.
- 388 Brhatsamhitā 86,27. Dogs, however, have two mating periods, the other one being Phālguna (Febr./March).
- 389 Dhp-a I 171,14 sunakhī chațțhe vā sattame vā māse ekam kukkuram vijāyi.

In the Chinese Tipitaka a canine code is mentioned which prescribes that a dog can only enter another house leaving its tail outside.<sup>390</sup>

Dogs live in packs, *śva-gaņa* (Pāņini 4,4,11), *śva-cakra* (Mbh 12,136,109), *śva-yūtha*<sup>391</sup> or, in Pāli, *kukkura-saṃgha*. Hunters stay with their packs of dogs outside the army camp<sup>392</sup> and the Anguttara-Nikāya mentions the Licchavi youngsters who strayed near Vesāli with bows strung and surrounded by a canine pack.<sup>393</sup> In RV 8,46,28 a royal procession is said to be urged on by dogs;<sup>394</sup> one can imagine them barking and running along.

According to Cāṇakya, man should learn six qualities from a dog: to eat much, but be content with little, to sleep well, be alert, be attached to his master<sup>395</sup> and be courageous.<sup>396</sup> This opinion is confirmed in literature. Thus dogs are said on the one hand to be voracious,<sup>397</sup> esp. those of a confectioner,<sup>398</sup> probably because he may use eggs and/or ghee. A dog is afraid of rivals, as it does not know when it will get its next meal. On the other hand, they will subsist on very little.<sup>399</sup> In north Kafiristan it is believed that the dog was created to awaken

- 394 Áśvêşitam rájêşitam súnêşitam prâjma tad .... (Geldner: "vom Hund getrieben [dieser Zug des Königs]"), cf. AiG II,1: 201 and 212 "von Hunden getrieben", which seems more realistic.
- 395 Mbh 12,117,10 said of a vegetarian dog with a human disposition: *tasya rşer upaviştasya pāda-mūle mahā-muneh* | *manuşyavad gato bhāvah sneha-baddho 'bhavad bhrśam*. || See Hiltebeitel 2001: 200.
- 396 Bahv-āśī sv-alpa-saṃtuṣṭaḥ su-nidro laghu-cetanaḥ | svāmi-bhaktaś ca śūraś ca – ṣaḍ ete śvānato guṇāḥ || (Rājanīti VI 20 < Kressler 1907: 21).
- 397 Cf. giddhā suņaya-siyālā mamsam khāyanti asana-tanhāe; je vi hu khāyanti narā, te tehi samā (Paum 22,84) and further, e.g., Apollonius' Argonautica 3,1058 (Lilja 1976: 100); Lilja 1976: 106.
- 398 Kāndukasyêva kukkurah sprhayāluh (Hemac, Tri° 1,2,856).
- 399 Hitopadeśa (ed. Parab. NSP. Bombay, 1955) 3,41 sv-alpa-snāyuvasâvaśeṣa-malinam nirmāmsam apy asthikam śvā labdhvā paritoṣam eti. A dog's way of life (śva-vrtti), the life of a dogsbody, forbidden to brahmins, is to go about and hardly receive anything (yathā hi śvā preryate krcchrena ca labhate .... (Medhātithi on Manu IV 4 and 6).

<sup>390</sup> Chavannes 1910: C 277 f.

<sup>391</sup> Mbh 14,54,15; VāmanaPur, Saromah. 26,56.

<sup>392</sup> Kauțilya 10,1,11.

<sup>393</sup> AN III 75,23 *Licchavi-kumārakā .... kukkura-saṃgha-parivutā*. See also Bollée 1981: 179 and Das 2000: 112 f.

man.<sup>400</sup> Dogs' sleep is considered a sign of quiet and peace,<sup>401</sup> though it is proverbially light.<sup>402</sup> In the Mrcchakațika, Śarvilaka boasts of being a dog in judging the strength of a person asleep or awake.<sup>403</sup> The Rbhus are woken up by their dog,<sup>404</sup> but, if not treated well, a dog may refuse to awaken its master, when burglars plunder the house at night.<sup>405</sup> A king should be active like a dog.<sup>406</sup>

Sometimes a dog's attention is not unselfish as when it guards a butcher's hut.<sup>407</sup> It shows its attachment to its master (lit.: food-giver) by wagging its tail, falling down at his feet, laying itself on the ground and showing its face and belly,<sup>408</sup> a juvenile gesture of humility by which the adult dog shows that it wishes to play with its master.<sup>409</sup> Here it seems also to express a friendly request to get something. This is because it is unable to fill his stomach even though free.<sup>410</sup> The heart of a dog attached to a *paccekabuddha* broke when it saw him flying up and disappearing in the sky, because animals are straightforward and not given to deceit, whereas men think one thing and say something different.<sup>411</sup> See further 3.1.7.

A dog behaves like a lion when its master is near; thus a king should go at the head of his army and make it fight under his eyes.<sup>412</sup>

400 Jettmar 1975: 85. For other myths about the origin of dogs see Thompson / Balys 1958: A 1831 and Lewin 1870: 225.

- 402 Śvāna-nidrā (MW, no reference).
- 403 Yo'ham .... suptâsupta-manuşya-vīrya-tulane śvā (3,20).
- 404 RV I 161,13. See Krick 1972: 34.
- 405 Hemavijaya, Kath° 434,1 a dhobī's dog says "rajako 'yam idānīm mama bhaktâdi na datte. Tenâtrârthe nâham ātma-vīryam sajjhayāmi."
- 406 Mbh 12,138,62 śva-cesta. Cf. Hiltebeitel 2001: 201.
- 407 Yaśastilaka 3,130.
- 408 Hitopadeśa 3,42 lāngūla-cālanam adhaś-caranâvapātam bhūmau nipatya vadanôdara-darśanam ca śvā pinda-dasya kurute.
- 409 Klever 1959: 128.
- 410 Api sva-cchanda-cārī śvā svôdarâpūaņe 'kṣamaḥ (BIS 4381).
- 411 Dhp-a I 172,22 ff. sunakhassa .... hadayam phalitam. Tiracchānā .... ujujātikā honti a-kuțilā, manussā pana aññam hadayena cintenti, aññam mukhena kathenti.
- 412 Puraskṛtya balam rājā yodhayed avalokayan / svāminâdhiṣṭhitaḥ śvâpi kim na simhāyate dhruvam || BIS 4136.

<sup>401</sup> Mrcchakațika 3,5.

## 2.7 Dogs and other animals

Like humans, dogs are their own worst enemies.<sup>413</sup> the latter because of their smell<sup>414</sup> and food rivalry, though "bones of contention" have no counterpart in Indian languages. Thus the great epic shows us humans following the example of dogs: "When conciliation fails, frightful results follow. The learned have noticed all this in a canine contest. First there comes the wagging of tails, then the bark, then the bark in reply, then repeated roars, then the circumambulation, then the showing of teeth, then repeated roars, then at last the fight" (K. M. Ganguli).<sup>415</sup> In his comment on the Pinda-Nijjutti, Malayagiri gives a Jain version hereof, the intensity of which is expressed in the Italian proverbial simile battersi accanitamente: on his begging tour the monk Dharmaghosa stopped at the house of the minister Vārattaka, whose wife came out with milk rice with ghee and candy, a drop of which fell on the ground. When the monk saw that he refused the alms. The minister who was looking on was surprised and only understood the reason for the refusal after observing that: first flies settled on the sweet drop, then spiders caught the flies; a lizard came for the spiders, a cat for the lizard, a dog seized the cat, other dogs attacked the first one<sup>416</sup> and this resulted in a fight between the dog owners. Somadeva depicting the scene at a burning ghat says, that flocks of hawks, etc., were frightened by the fighting of canine packs.<sup>417</sup> Regrettably Raghavan does not give a reference for sārameva-vinoda<sup>418</sup> (not in MW) which is the royal pleasure of hunting with dogs,<sup>419</sup> whereas Urban/Jansen mention modern shows

- 416 Dvayor api tayoh śunor abhūt parasparam kalahah (170a 7).
- 417 Śyena-kulam .... śva-kula-bhandanād bhītam (Yaśastilaka I 84).
- 418 Raghavan 1979: 69. The word is actually found in Mānasollāsa II 4,1328 (p. 266) and is the title of ch. 12.
- 419 Ja IV 400,10\* parikiņņo supānehi sv-ājja rājā ti vuccati. Sivaramamurti 1970: 82.

<sup>413</sup> Sternbach 9291 sa-jāti-parihantārah simhāh śvānah .... Cf. the designation sva-jāti-dvis for 'dog' in MW.

<sup>414</sup> Castrated dogs have a different smell.

<sup>415</sup> Mbh 5,70,70f.; cf. Lokanīti 2:15 (p. 122) sunakho sunakham disvā dantam dasseti himsitum. Hiltebeitel 2001: 171.

of dogfights in Mohenjo-Daro, which may be connected with wagers.  $^{\rm 420}$ 

Though domestic cats are  $late^{421}$  – in literature they do not occur before the epic and Pali Vinava – vet a brick in Chanhu-Daro shows traces of a cat hunted by a medium-sized dog <sup>422</sup> named Canis familiaris tenggeranus var. harappensis by Prashad.<sup>423</sup> This conduct is often the subject of similes as in Rām "As a dog before a panther, as a cat flees before a dog .... so did the Rāksasas flee before the mighty Visnu."424 Budhasvāmin depicts the voiced disappointment at the birth of a daughter as "a harsh sound, like that of a tom-cat screaming on being attacked by a dog, (that) came from inside the house which sounded like a dog's kennel."425 See further 3.2. The enmity between cats, whose characteristics are described by Manu,<sup>426</sup> and dogs expressed in the Pañcatantra is a recent interpolation, according to Hensgen (1958: 39), but he gives no reference,<sup>427</sup> and no editor of the famous text has cared to add a glossary. This enmity may also be the reason that dogs must be restrained in a rat plague, when cats and mongooses are let loose, lest they should chase the cats.<sup>428</sup> However, when Siva performs ascetism and becomes completely calm, dogs play with cats.<sup>429</sup> Dogs catching deer are considered pure.<sup>430</sup>

Other animals dogs prey on are hares, as early as Harappa, where a toy hound was excavated carrying a hare in its mouth,<sup>431</sup> and jackals,<sup>432</sup> as in Ja III 536,5 and Mrcch I 52. The reference Mrcch

- 428 Kautilya 4,3,22 with Kangle's note 22. Yet dogs will also chase rats.
- 429 Manmathonmathana 2,21 quoted by O'Flaherty 1976: 288.
- 430 BaudhDhS 1,5,9,2.
- 431 Vats 1940: 38; 305; Plate lxxix no 48 ff.
- 432 Jackals are the smartest of predators according to Pañcatantra III 2 vs 74 (Kosambi, p. 210) *dhūrtah* .... *damstrinām ca śrgālah*.

<sup>420</sup> Urban/Jansen 1987 : 182.

<sup>421</sup> Hensgen 1958: 39; Zeuner 1967: 325.

<sup>422</sup> Mackay 1943: 222; Conrad 1968: 235.

<sup>423</sup> Quoted in Conrad 1968: 234.

<sup>424</sup> Dvipinêva yathā śvānah, śunā mārjārako yathā .... (7,7,21).

<sup>425</sup> Śva-grhītasya mārjārasyêva kūjatah antarbhavanam udbhūtah śvâgāraparuṣa-śrutih (BKŚS 21,87).

<sup>426</sup> Manu IV 195.

<sup>427</sup> Perhaps in the prose at Pañcat 2,1,25f. (p. 223 in Ryder's translation [Chicago, 1956], to which O'Flaherty points in 1976: 62 note 22).

1,28, where dogs in a forest hotly pursue a female jackal, seems less clear, because it is a female, and I do not understand Karmarkar's objection that "dogs would not be going after a *śrgālī*."<sup>433</sup> Further, dogs chase foxes, as in Patañjali<sup>434</sup> and Hemacandra,<sup>435</sup> then also boars,<sup>436</sup> hogs,<sup>437</sup> deer,<sup>438</sup> mainas<sup>439</sup> and porcupine, who gore dogs and are named *śvā-vidh* thereafter.<sup>440</sup>

In the Jātaka there can be friendship between a ram and a dog.<sup>441</sup> Dogs are the lowliest of animals<sup>442</sup> – the  $c\bar{a}nd\bar{a}las$  among the quadrupeds<sup>443</sup> – and thus often found together with crows,<sup>444</sup> vultures,<sup>445</sup>

- 433 Karmarkar 1950: 363. Cf. Mrcch 1,52. Think also of *śva-bhīru* 'fearing dogs > jackal.' – On "Female animals in Indian literature" see Bollée forthcoming.
- 434 Mahābhāṣya (ed. Kielhorn; Bombay, 1892) I 476.
- 435 Siddhahemacandra III 1,141.
- 436 Pāņini 4,2,104 śva-varāhikā. Cf. as early as AV 5,13,9 śvā-vidh 'dogpiercer > boar,' but cf. below Lüders 1940: 178. In RV 10,86,4 the angry Indrāņī shouts that the dog, boar hunter (varāhayu), may snap at Vṛṣākapi's ear, and in 7,55,4 souls address Sārameya not to bark at them, but to care about > hunt a boar. Puṣpadanta, Jasah. 2,31,5 says of a dog bahu-sūarakula-ghanghala-vayaņu 'whose face means trouble for many families of boars.' Here one is reminded of the proverbial expression "to make someone see the mouth of a dog" (see at 3.1.7 [p. 78]).
- 437 Samantapāsādikā 383,14f. suņakha-daţţam sūkaram. Pigs mating with dogs are an evil portent because of which Mālyavān warns Rāvaņa to make peace with Rāma (Rām 6,35,30).
- 438 Manorathapūraņī II 211,28.
- 439 Kamala 1984: 116.
- 440 Lüders 1940: 178.
- 441 Ja VI 353,20\* meņdassa suņena sakhyam assā. Both are unclean animals (SpBr 12,4,1,4).
- 442 BKBh 894 distinguishes between tiriyā ya duţi' –a-duţthā (comm.: duştāh: hasti[!]-śunakâdayaħ). Mbh cr. ed. 12,139,53 mṛgānām (v.l. śṛgālād) adhamam śvānam pravadanti manīşinaħ / tasyâpy adhama uddeśaħ śarīrasya śva-jāgħanī II – Remarkable is the exchange of six dogs for an elepħant and three dogs for a pot in a story in Steermann-Imre 1977: 237.
- 443 Cāndālah paśūnām câiva kukkurah (BIS 3850).
- 444 BaudhŚS 14,9: 16; Cullavamsa 60,74 bhattam câdāsi so kāka-sonâdīnam dayā-paro. Schlerath 1954: 34 assumes that the soul nature ("Seelennatur") of dog and bird is related to their eating corpses inclusive of the soul they contain. At this moment the animals are soul carriers and hardly distinguishable from the soul who thus overcomes the intermediate world in

asses and camels.<sup>446</sup> Dogs and tigers have a special relation.<sup>447</sup> Dogs bred with care in the palace, with enormous eye-teeth, resemble tigers in courage and strength.<sup>448</sup> Thus it is not surprising that on the tigerhunt of the Malayāļi, the tiger is not called by his name, but designated a dog,<sup>449</sup> for the names of inauspicious animals are avoided.<sup>450</sup> Bhils in the Panc Mahals do the same with the panther.<sup>451</sup> Sometimes dogs are an aequivalent of tigers: Marāthī *vāghyā* 'dog' < Sanskrit *vyāghra* 'tiger;'<sup>452</sup> in the Mbh 12,117,34 in the story of the seer, who transformed by magic a vegetarian dog into a leopard, then into a tiger, etc.; in the Mallāri/Khaṇḍobā myth and the Dasarā festival at Devaraguḍḍa (Karnataka) in the cult of Mailār.<sup>453</sup> In the Padinaindampulli game, played with two sets, dogs and tigers are opposites.<sup>454</sup> Thus also Sītā reviles Rāvaṇa "Like a dog vis-à-vis two tigers, when you have got the smell of them, you are unable to face Rāma and Laksmaṇa."<sup>455</sup> A nun bitten by a dog should lie on a tigerskin or the

the shape of a dog or a bird. This is an Indo-European notion. Cf. Bollée 1977: 140, 143, 157; 1988: 282, 284.

- 445 Mbh 3, 255,3 śva-grdhra-..... atrpyams tatra virānām hatānām māmsaśonitaih; 6,112,131 śvānah kākāś ca grdhrāś ca .... pranedur bhakşyam āsādya.
- 446 Manu IV 115; X 15; Yājñavalkyasmrti 1,148 śva-krosta-gardabhôlūka .....
- 447 R. C. Dhere in Sontheimer 1995: 249 f.
- 448 Antahpure 'tisamvrddhān vyāghra-vīrya-balôpamān damstráyuktān mahākāyān śunaś côpāyanam dadau (Kaikeyī Bharatāya), Rām 2,70,20, cf. Ja I 177,2\* ye kukkurā rāja-kulasmi vaddhā koleyyakā vanna-bal'-ūpapannā and the Roman fighting dog, three times as big as an Alsatian dog, used against knights in mediaeval times. See also MārkPur 12,28. sānaś ca tatra (in a hell) sa-balāh svananty .... mahā-vaktrā mahā-damstrāh vyāghrā iva bhayānakāh and Sontheimer 1997: 53; 62 note 24 (mentioning dogs big as tigers in Rāmdās (17<sup>th</sup> cent.) abhang 1170 on Khandobā); 67 and 96. Cf. Elwin 1954: 368.
- 449 Grūnwedel 1914: 18.
- 450 Abbott 1932: 43.
- 451 Abbott 1932: 44.
- 452 Falk 1986: 19; Feldhaus 1997: 67. Alsdorf 2005: 193 thinks that the panther of Mysore in E. Lüders 1950: 40 f. and in Śāntiniketan might have been dogs.
- 453 König 1984: 100 note 391 quoting Sontheimer; Feldhaus, loc. cit.
- 454 Raghavan, 1979: 239.
- 455 Na hi gandham upāghrāya Rāma-Lakṣmaṇayor tvayā / śakyaṃ saṃdarśane sthātuṃ śunā śārdūlayor iva ∥ (Rām 5,21,31).

wound should be covered thereby.<sup>456</sup> In Orissa there is a belief that dogs' urine blinds tigers.<sup>457</sup> Like the tiger, the leopard is also an enemy of dogs.<sup>458</sup> According to Malayagiri, dogs may be eaten by mad dogs (*alarkas*).<sup>459</sup> As early as AV 3,9,4 the monkey is called a spoiler of dogs.<sup>460</sup> Surasundarī mentions dogs in a lion's den.<sup>461</sup> Apparently as an escort, two black dogs are mentioned as accompanying a young doe in Vdh 298,31.

# **3.** CYNANTHROPIC RELATIONS

**3.1** The **General relation** is ambivalent<sup>462</sup> as in ancient Greece,<sup>463</sup> or, as the NisīhaCū says: 'The gods (*Guhyakas*) who have their palaces on Mt Kailāś come to the world of men in the shape of *yakṣas*, dogs, that is.<sup>464</sup> They are worshipped when they do good and not, when they do not.'<sup>465</sup> About ten centuries later Hemavijaya characterized the relationship by an Apabhramśa quotation: "Who may assert that a wicked man should be compared with a dog? Help both: then one will guard your money; the other will get off with it."<sup>466</sup> Dogs, *yakṣas*,

- 463 Heichelheim und Elliot 1967: 89.
- 464 Āyāranga-tīkā I 11b 13 śvāno yakşāħ. In Jātaka I 399,5 yakşas devour cocks and dogs.
- 465 On Nijjutti 4427 Kailāsa-bhavaņe ete āgayā Gujjhagā mahim | caranti jakkha-rūveņam pūyâpūya-hitâhitā || Jakkha-rūveņa – śvāna-rūpeņêty arthah (IV 416,4).
- 466 Free translation by Hertel 1920: II 46: "Wer darf behaupten, dass ein böser Mensch mit einem Hund sei zu vergleichen ? Hilf beiden: dieser hütet dann dein Geld; der andre wird mit ihm entweichen." The original runs: *Kahe*

<sup>456</sup> BKBh 3816ff.

<sup>457</sup> Elwin 1954: 372; Thompson/Balys 1958: D 1331.2.7.

<sup>458</sup> Mbh 12,117,14 śva-śatrur ... dvīpī.

<sup>459</sup> Malayagiri IV,2 87 a 4 on Vavbh 382.

<sup>460</sup> Śúnām kapír iva dūṣano.

<sup>461 (</sup>sīha-guham) duggandha-dharani-nivadiya-bhada-mamsa-vasā-pasattabahu-sunaham | sunaha-bhaya-mukka-mānusa-karanka-siva-mukka-phekkāram ∥ (9,204).

<sup>462</sup> Dandekar 1976: 58, cf. Faust 1969: 111 note 206. – On the phenomenon see Jung 1984: 175 ff.

brahmins, deities and *pitāmahas* lack the ability of humans to know evil through enlightenment (?).<sup>467</sup>

In the Vedic period the dog was first seen as a danger for the sacrifice,<sup>468</sup> as evil ( $p\bar{a}pman$ ),<sup>469</sup> and associated with leprosy (KauśS 13,12), but not with rabies. Later, there was a ban on dogs entering temples as early as Rām 7,59 pra. 1, 20, not only as an impropriety towards the gods there, Agni, Indra, Dharma, etc., but also because they could overturn oil lamps and so cause fire.<sup>470</sup>

The nearness of dogs to Pāṇini's mind is shown in his *sūtra* 5,4,7,7 *upaśunam*. Though man is the highest among the animals,<sup>471</sup> this may not apply to the tribes said to be descended from dogs,<sup>472</sup> but sages see Brahman in a wise brahmin, as well as in a cow, a dog or an outcaste.<sup>473</sup> Similarly, Mahāvīra on his alms round gives way to a brahmin, *cāṇḍāla* or dog.<sup>474</sup> Between the latter two there is no difference<sup>475</sup> anyway, because there is a mutual trust between them,<sup>476</sup> and as early as ŚpBr 14,1,1,31 woman, *śūdra*, dog and crow share untruth (*an-rtam*); BKBh 2852 puts also human guests on a par with dogs.<sup>477</sup>

kima kukkura-samavadem dujjana jana tolāya | ika pālyo dhana jālave ika pālyo lei jāya || (ed. Jamnagar, 1911: 339f. read jāi for jāya). More literal would be: "How can one say that the notion (?) of dog should be compared with a wicked person ? The one if cared for will guard the money, (but) the other will take it and run away."

- 467 Sūyagadacuņņi (ed. Puņyavijaya) 46,16 jesim suņayā jakkhā vippā devā pitāmahā | te loga-duvviyaddhā dukkham mokkhā vibodhium. ||
- 468 The dog is driven away from the sacrifice in RV 9,101,1.
- 469 KauśS 18,1; BaudhŚS 15,5f.
- 470 Comment on BKBh 3465 śvānâdinā vā pradīpasya cālanā bhavet ... tataķ stambhaķ pradīpyate trņāni vā pradīpyeran, what may pertain to a wooden pillar.
- 471 ŚpBr 6,2,1,18 purușo hi prathamam paśūnām.
- 472 Briffault 1969: III 187 f.
- 473 Bhagavadgītā 5,18; Ţīkā II 132b 7\* *ad* Sūyagada II 5,28. Cf. Siegel 1987: 235 < Kalāvilāsa 6,16.
- 474 Āyār 1,8,4,11. Cf. OhaN 522 and OBh 271 (Mette 1974: 115 and 208f.); Schubring's ref. to Droņa 204b may pertain to the *pothi* Bombay 1919 which is not available to me (Hamm/Schubring 1951: 70 note 3).
- 475 E. g. Pañcat (ed. Kale) 57, vs. 116 śvāna-kukkuṭa-cāndālāh. Cf. KauşGS 3,9,28 śūdravad iti śūdrasya śunaś ca sâdharmya-jñāpanârtham.
- 476 Samvāsāj jāyate sneho ... anyonyasya ca višvāsah svapacena suno yathā (Mbh 12,137,36).
- 477 Pāhuņa-sāņâi-khaie ...

A dog may show its watchful nature when Khandobā's dog appears to a devotee in a dream in order to summon him to Jejuri.<sup>478</sup>

#### 3.1.1 Treatment of dogs by humans

Humans keep dogs<sup>479</sup> – as early as the riddle in RV 10, 117,8 'the one-footed has proceeded further than the two-footed; the two-footed overtakes the three-footed from behind. The four-footed, which is with the herds and guards them, comes when called by the two-footed' – as faithful<sup>480</sup> and useful, though they are deemed unclean, just as are boars and rams.<sup>481</sup>

Food looked<sup>482</sup> or sniffed<sup>483</sup> at, or touched<sup>484</sup> by a dog is to be avoided by brahmins, but acceptable for others, e.g., Buddhists,<sup>485</sup> even for a king,<sup>486</sup> though elsewhere an *atikrcchra* penance must be performed for eating food worried by dogs.<sup>487</sup> A brahmin should therefore not accept food from a dog-keeper, among many other people,<sup>488</sup> nor do the gods.<sup>489</sup> If at the Vedic sacrifice a dog or bird snatches away the omentum, one should recite the verse *divam pithvim* ... and offer oblations of ghee.<sup>490</sup> With a play on the meanings

- 479 Medhâtithi on Manu 4,216 *śuno bibhrati*. At Nis 9,22a dog-owner is a *suņaha-posaya*.
- 480 Dogs have an urge to seek human company (MacKrell 1996: 265).
- 481 SpBr 12,4,1,4. After touching a dog one has to sip water (Kane IV 1973: 115) or take a bath (Kane, op.cit., 331 with further references; MārkPur 35,36). Our classical antiquity also deemed dogs to be impure, as they are necrophagous (Scholz 1937: 7; 25).
- 482 ĀpastambaDhS I 5,16,30. Cf. MārkPur 50 (47), 45 where Brahmā designates such food for Duhsaha.
- 483 AgniPur 173,33 declares such food to be spoiled.
- 484 Manu 4,208 (*na .... bhuñjīta brāhmaņaḥ kvacit*) śunā saṃspṛṣṭam. Such food belongs to the demons (Mbh 9,42,21).
- 485 Jātaka VI 63,27.
- 486 Steermann-Imre 1977: 49.
- 487 VāsDhS 14,33.
- 488 Manu 4,216 (na bhuñjīta kadācana) śvavatām (annam). There are, of course, enough people who own dogs, śvá-pati (VS 16,28, etc.) and/or are huntsmen, śva-poṣaka (Kādambarī, MW).
- 489 VāsDhS 14,11.
- 490 Dandekar 1958: 872.

<sup>478</sup> Sontheimer 1989: 308.

of the  $\sqrt{KHAD}$ , a brahmin says if he would go alone and accompany Vasantasenā, he would time and again be harassed by people, as an offering placed in a square be devoured by dogs.<sup>491</sup> If a dog smells the curdled butter oblation (*prṣadājya*), the ladle with the butter should be thrown into water.<sup>492</sup> According to VāsDhS 14,25 one should not throw away food which, at a procession with images of the gods, at weddings or at sacrifices, is touched by crows or dogs, but after the defiled portion has been removed the remainder should be purified.<sup>493</sup> However, if a dog licks the *agnihotra*-milk, it should be poured away.<sup>494</sup>

Vessels touched by a dog are buried in the earth for 3, 5 or 7 days in order to become pure again.<sup>495</sup> Further, the fire of the *agnihotrin* may not be touched by a dog, or other impure animals, less it looses its *śakti*.<sup>496</sup> When a dog goes between the *gārhapatya* and the *āhavanīya* fire, the priest should take ashes from the former and strew it on the dog's track while reciting a stanza addressed at Viṣṇu: "here Viṣṇu strode",<sup>497</sup> thus apparently connecting the animal with that deity. In Indra's opinion, dog-keepers have no place in heaven,<sup>498</sup> though he is one himself, for Saramā is his bitch. Moreover, the gods do not eat offerings from dog-keepers.<sup>499</sup> For other gods with dogs see under 3.5.1.

"A dog's life", according to Pañcatantra, "has a most persuasive ring: dogs can do the things they like (; a slave obeys his king)."<sup>500</sup> It

- 491 Mrcch I 56 (p. 45: 15) aham una bamhano jahim tahim janehim cauppahôvanīdo uvahāro kukkurehim via khajjamāno vivajjissam.
- 492 Dandekar 1958: 876.
- 493 Cf. BaudhDhS 1,6,14,15.
- 494 MānavaŚrautasūtra 3.2.5 (Dandekar 1958: 167).
- 495 Abbott 1932:151.
- 496 Abbott 1932:192.
- 497 ĀpŚS 9,611; cf. ĀśvalāyanaŚS 3,10,10 where interference with the sacrifice requires an expiatory *isți*.
- 498 Mbh cr. ed. 17,3,10 svarge loke śvavatām nâsti dhişnyam to which Nīlakantha explains a-śucitvāt. Indra and Dharma are adversaries also in KSS 7,96 Indra-Dharmau tatas tyaktvā rūpam śyena-kapotayoh, but in ŚpBr xiii 4,3,14 they are identical.
- 499 VāsisthaDhS 14,11.
- 500 Pañcat (ed. Kosambi) I 10, p. 81 vs 291 sevā śva-vņttir ākhyātā yais, tair mithyā prajalpitam | sva-cchandam śva-carati śvâtra sevakah para-śāsanāt ||. Trsl. Ryder 1975: 99. – Mudrarākşasa III 14.

is a good one because it is the life of one who is cared for,<sup>501</sup> because a dog, like a fool, depends on what he is given (?).<sup>502</sup> Thus king Rantideva hands his food to a  $\hat{Su}$ dra and his dogs making them his commensals,<sup>503</sup> just as a dog goes to a Buddhist monk just returned from his almsround and shares his meal.<sup>504</sup> Casimir (forthcoming note 40) mentions Parsis in Bombay going around and feeding stray dogs, following an old tradition, and the Kukur Tihār in Nepal, when dogs are fed and their heads are marked with a *tilaka*. In Mumbai there is now an action called "The Welfare of Stray Dogs" (WSD). The animals are said to be widely kept as pets by the more than six million urban slumdwellers. The "Stray dog club" has over a hundred members, see further http://www.wsdindia. org (p.c. Mr Manish Modi).

Further, dogs are bred,<sup>505</sup> kept in the royal courts, in the upper floors of the palace,<sup>506</sup> and as pets.<sup>507</sup> An aristocratic Punjabi lady gave her old pet dog Ganges water to drink, after it had walked around in circles one morning, refused its accustomed *halva*, and had put its head on her feet, and read the Bhagavadgītā over it till it died.<sup>508</sup>

- 501 Bhiccassa jīviyāo kukkura-jīyam varam havai (Paumacariu 94,80). Cf. BIS 7170. A brahman, however, should not live like a dog (Manu 4,4), as a servant, that is, sevā-vŗttih śva-jīvikā (Hemac, Abhidh 866) being sent about and hardly getting anything (Medhātithi on Manu 4,6 śva-vŗtti). Cf. Mudrarākṣasa 3,14 (Naidu 1992: 111); BKŚS 10,46 dhig imām kṣudrām śva-vṛttim anujīvinah, This attitude to a dog's life corresponds more or less to French vie de chien, 'dog's life' in English, Hundeleben in German, etc. Cf. also the expression "Life's a bitch" (Naughton 1998: 38).
- 502 Sāratthappakāsinī II 327,2 sunakho viya vaļta-nissito bālo.
- 503 BhāgPur 9,21,9. Cf. Ja I 178,4 rājā ... sabba-sunakhānam attano bhojanasadisam eva nicca-bhattam paṭṭhāpetvā .... Cf. Homer, Odyssey 17, 309.
- 504 Sīhaļavatthuppakaraņa (C<sup>e</sup> 1959) Ch. 38 vs 5f. bhunjamāno so thero piņdam sonāya nikkhipi; therassa piņdam bhunjitvā khup-pipāsam vi-nodayi.
- 505 Śva-jīvana in Durga's comm. on Yāska's Nirukta 2,3 (PWB).
- 506 Upari-pāsādato koleyyaka-sunakhā otaritvā Ja I 175,12; Coomaraswamy 1930: 189; Chavannes 1910, no 361.
- 507 Harişena, *Brhatkathākośa* no 73, vs 27 (Hardy 1990: 120). On pets see further below.
- 508 Freda Bedi in: Godden 1972: 334.

When men play with dogs in the forest, they frighten deer and so cause harm to living beings.<sup>509</sup> Once a king punishes a criminal woman by having her face disfigured and makes her a cook for dogs.<sup>510</sup> Another wicked woman poisons a dog who kept going to the tomb of the adulterer killed by her husband.<sup>511</sup> Here Haribhadra contrasts the baseness of the woman with the animal's fidelity.

Bipeds address dogs with:  $t\bar{a}ta$ ,<sup>512</sup> but to domestic pets in general also  $k\bar{u}r$  k $\bar{u}r$  is often said.<sup>513</sup> An ass addresses a dog with *bhadra*.<sup>514</sup> but canines among each other use mitra.515 An interpolation in the Rāmâyana exemplifies Rāma's justice by the folksy tale of the dog who complains before the king of being groundlessly hit on its head<sup>516</sup> by a brahmin, who is a veritable *caractère de chien*, just because it was in the latter's way when begging on the street. The brahmin admits his guilt, and is reproached by Rāma as having allowed himself to be carried away by his anger. Rāma's advisers do not want their fellow brahmin to be punished and thus, at the request of the dog, the king appoints the man an abbott of the Kalanjara monastery, a function he cannot cope with. The poet thus makes the dog, which is considered the lowliest of animals and thus impure,<sup>517</sup> to be a justified plaintiff against a wicked brahmin, and the king to be a righteous justice in popular opinion, according to Ruben.<sup>518</sup> Despite the distance in place and time this brahmin's attitude still resembles

- 509 Ye śvabhih kridamānāś ca trāsayanti vane mṛgān | prāṇi-him̧sām ... kurvanti (Mbh Madras, 1936: 13,124,78), cf. Manu 3,164 śva-krīdī śyena-jīvī ca .... him̧sraħ.
- 510 Daņdin, Daśak (NSP ed. Bombay, 1940) 220,9 rājňā virūpita-mukhī sā duskŗta-kāriņī kŗtā śvabhyah pācikā.
- 511 Haribhadra, Samar 757,13ff.
- 512 E.g. in Pāli: Gaccha, tāta, ayyam ānehi ! (Dhp-a I 171,26).
- 513 Kipling 1891: 322.
- 514 Hemavijaya, Kath° 433,10.
- 515 Kathāratnâkara 201,9.
- 516 Chaube 1895: 72 states that "Dogs never die of any wound they can lick. So thieves when they want to kill a dog hit it on the head so that it cannot lick the wound."
- 517 For Baudhāyana a dog is as impure as the killer of a brahmin, a *cāņḍāla*, a menstruating woman or one in child bed, a corpse or a man who teaches the Veda for money (BaudhDhS 1,540).
- 518 Ruben 1962: 34 < Rām 7,59 praksipta 1,14.

the one expressed in the utterances of the archbishop Alfredo Battisti of Udine (Italy), who said in his Christmas homily in 1988, that "beating or starving to death a dog is not injustice (towards the animal), since the dog is not a person, but a thing belonging to man"<sup>519</sup> (who is the "centre of the creation"), thus rightly becoming himself an unperson for many animal lovers, fitting his antiquated beliefs, which are of course not in touch with reality, and are harmful to bi- as well as quadrupeds.<sup>520</sup>

In order to trick a brahmin out of a goat he is carrying on his shoulders, rogues make the man believe his goat to be a dog so that he puts the animal on the ground, takes a bath and goes home; the rogues then take the goat and eat it.<sup>521</sup> Carrying a dog along seems to be a punishment for a thief in Mbh 13,96,17. Though lowly, a dog can nevertheless have a value. If this is less than 25 *paṇas*, then stealing or killing<sup>522</sup> one is punished by 54 *paṇas* or cutting off of the tip of the nose of the culprit.<sup>523</sup> Also, "some of the products of the dog are so valued in driving off spirits that they seem to be a distinct element in the feeling of respect shown to the dog."<sup>524</sup> Dogs as guardians or companions are typically chthonic animals, testifying to the other world,<sup>525</sup>

- 520 See esp. the Gazzettino of Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1989. In the Vita Cattolica of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Mgr Battisti described his queried words in a justification as paradoxical phrase (*frase paradossale*). – Non-Christians such as the ancient Egyptians knew that man is not lord, but partner of the animals (Hornung 1967: 72), cf. in the Avesta the idiom *spānaśca naraśca* translated even by Herodotus, it seems (see below), and Vīdēvdāt XV,19 connects biped and quadruped mothers. Thus Yama's messengers may receive Monsignore warmly, for *un chien regarde bien un évêque*.
- 521 Pañcat 3,5; KSS 62,62ff.; BKŚS 26,20.
- 522 Thus the Sūyagada-cunni 22,18 (ed. Punyavijaya, 1975) says that even at the killing of a dog there is a major assembly of people in the street (*sunaga-vadhe vi tāva paramparam vaṭṭamāne mahā-samgāme havejja, kimanga purisa-vadhe*), cf. Wiles 1963: 69. For such punishments in the Lex Salica see Peters 1998: 173.
- 523 Kautilya 4,10,2. Cf. Steermann-Imre 1977: 237 quoted above, and Kammenhuber 1958: 303 for Iran.
- 524 Campbell 1885: 276. Dogs' tongues were believed to be curative (see above under 2.4).
- 525 Bächtold-Stäubli 1936: I 1070.

<sup>519 &</sup>quot;Il cane non è persona ma cosa dell'uomo" (Il Gazzettino, 28. 12. 1988; p.c. Dr D. Turello). Otherwise Jaini 1987.

which is shown by the Pāndavas going to the Himâlaya mountain that represents the other world. Then Yudhisthira is saved by his love  $(\bar{a}nsimpsia)$  of his devoted dog,<sup>526</sup> and his refusal to enter heaven without his faithful companion may betray Iranian influence.<sup>527</sup> The dog's fidelity is here perhaps used to arouse a kind of pathos, though different from that, when Homer lets the old and weak Argos recognize his returned master and wag its tail unable to do more,<sup>528</sup> but the consequences of the karman theory replace any sentiments in the case below of the wicked woman who killed her dog for always dogging her.

Similarly, Śivânanda's very beloved dog, who on a trip one day got lost, was later found with Caitanya in Nīlācala only the next day. The latter gave it holy food and made it bark "Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa !" Thereafter the dog disappeared without trace. He had obtained a *siddha*-body and had entered Viṣṇu's Vaikuntha heaven.<sup>529</sup> Casimir (forthcoming note 44) quotes from Campbell the legend about the discovery of the Brahmakuṇḍ in the Bhinmāl temple in Rājasthān which recounts how the builder of the Sun temple contracted leprosy, and how he was led by his mangy dog, which was faithful despite being maltreated, to a secret pool the waters of which cured both. This narrow bond is also meant when the four Vedas are represented as the dog companions of the sage Dattātreya,<sup>530</sup> but sometimes a faithful dog is killed by an overhasty master,<sup>531</sup> as "the Baṇya or Banjāra, who had mortgaged it to a merchant. The latter is robbed and the dog recovers the stolen

- 526 Mbh 17,3,7 ayam śvā .... bhakto mām nityam, cf. 18,3,41. Hiltebeitel 2001: 209. It is very important that Dharma reincarnated himself as a dog. In this context it must be remembered that Yudhiṣṭhira is also Yama's son and Yama uses dogs as messengers. Dharma's test of Yudhiṣṭhira became proverbial in Rājataranginī 4,76.
- 527 Herodotus I 140 οἱ δὲ δὴ μάγοι αὐτοχειρίῃ πάντα πλὴν κυνὸς καὶ ἀνθρώπου κτείνουσι; Basham 1954: 196; Widengren 1965: 113.
- 528 Most 1991: 145; cf. Peters 1998: 167 f. As Most, p. 152, found out, posthomeric antiquity did not experience the Argos story as emotional.
- 529 Stursberg 1907: 33.
- 530 Crooke II 1896: 220; Rao 1914: 251; Sontheimer 1997: 112 note 48 where Śiva is followed by four dogs: the Vedas. On Dattâtreya see further Joshi 1965.
- 531 The B 331.2.2 motif in Thompson / Balys 1958: 69 related by Crooke 1896: 221 and Emeneau 1941 and 1942.

goods. In his gratitude the merchant ties around the animal's neck a scrap of paper, on which he records that the debt has been satisfied. The dog returns to its original master, who upbraids it for deserting his post, and without looking at the paper, kills it, only to be overcome by remorse, when he learns the honesty of the faithful animal. .... In its more usual form, as in the Pañcatantra and KSS,<sup>532</sup> the mongoose takes the place of the dog and kills the cobra on the baby's cradle."<sup>533</sup>

When a peacock observed the adultery of a queen with a hunchback and attacked her, she hit it so violently that it fell down the stairs into the king's appartment and was seized by his dog. His master then beat the dog with a diceboard so that it let the bird go, but both died soon afterwards and were buried with great  $pomp^{534}$  (see also below under 3.5.5).

Another rash act is prevented by the Buddha, when a king, whose palace dogs have bitten through the thongs of his chariot, orders all dogs to be killed.<sup>535</sup> As the limit of heinous human ingratitude, the Buddha once told the story of the wife of a certain householder in Benares. She had a dog who used to sit watching her as she performed her household duties and whenever she went .... to the forest to collect firewood and leaves, that dog always went with her. One day some young men, seeing her with her dog, teased her saying: "Ah ! Here comes a hunter with a dog; today we shall have some meat to eat." Annoyed the woman beat the dog with sticks, stones, etc., and chased it away. The dog, however, .... began to follow her again. .... The woman was in a great rage .... picked up a rope .... started back home .... took an empty waterpot and went to a water-pool. Having filled the vessel with sand .... she heard the dog barking close by. It ran up to her wagging its tail, but she seized it firmly by the neck. fastened the end of the rope to the water-vessel and the other to the dog's neck, then started the vessel rolling down the slope into the water. The dog was dragged along by the water-vessel, fell into the

<sup>532</sup> Pañcat V 2; KSS X 64,1–12: see also Tawney / Penzer V 1924: 138f.; Zachariae 1977: 284f.

<sup>533</sup> Balbir 1993: 127.

<sup>534</sup> Haribhadra, Samar. 255,4; Puspadanta, Jasah. 2,34 f.

<sup>535</sup> Ja I 176,5 *rājā sunakha-vadham ānāpetvā* .... Cf. Chavannes 1910: B 330f. and 397 f.

water and died there and then. When reborn the wicked woman's husband – the dog in her pre-birth – was a captain whose ship was in trouble mid-ocean, apparently because of a person who was a bad luck. Lots were cast and the lot fell upon the wife of the captain, who had her wrapped in a piece of cloth and thrown overboard with a jar of sand around her neck.<sup>536</sup>

Another wicked woman, a female ascetic, gave a bitch a piece of meat with pepperdust and entered a room it guarded, but tears prevented the animal from seeing. This the false ascetic then interpreted as tears of joy of recognition, saying she and the bitch had been a brahmin's wives in a prebirth (KSS 13,125). In an oral tale, childless queens ate a magic mango given them by a sage, and threw the seed and the peel to a bitch. After some time they gave birth to puppies, the bitch to two baby girls, whom she hid in a cave where they grew up. Once two men rested near the cave, found the young women and carried them away on horses in order to marry them. One woman tore pieces of her sari and thus left a trail behind her. Thus the bitch, her mother, later found her and was received well. She then went to her other daughter, who did not like to be known as being born of a dog, and beat her to death with a stick. Her corpse was put into a box which was later found to contain a gold bar instead .....<sup>537</sup>

Brahmins may kill a dog for touching their food; a Jain then whispers the *pañcanamaskāra mantra* in the dying animal's ear so that it be reborn a *deva*.<sup>538</sup> A dog entering a house shows the carelessness of the housewife.<sup>539</sup> It may be hit<sup>540</sup> with a club; even so is an adulterer treated.<sup>541</sup> A dog straying outside (the village) does not find a cover; it is attacked by clods, etc., thrown at it,<sup>542</sup> but after entering

- 536 Atthasālinī 273,21; Dhp-a III 38,19ff. and 41,8ff. with Burlingame's translation.
- 537 Ramanujan 1997: 43 ff.
- 538 Chakravarti 1974: 73. Cf. Vinson II 1900: 43 (< Jīvaka-cintāmaņi); Coomaraswamy 1971: 15.
- 539 Comm. ad VavBh ed. Ladnun 445 (Bollée 2002: 51). On feared consequences see Varāhamihira 89,1.
- 540 Hemac, Trișașți° 4,1,320.
- 541 Hemacandra, Parº 2,328.
- 542 Atthasālinī 315,11 kukkuro pi bahi vicaranto khema-tihānam na passati, leddu-ppahārâdīhi upadduto hoti. Anto gāmam pavisitvā uddhana-dvāre

the village it is comfortable, when it has laid itself down on ashes heaped up at the opening of an oven. If a dog dies in a brahmin's room a modern direction ordains it to be impure for ten days.<sup>543</sup> The place must be purified by sprinkling water mixed with cow dung, or with cow's urine. This is a minor purification which is often resorted to for lesser defilements.<sup>544</sup> Dropping cadavers of dogs and other animals inside town is banned and punished by three *paṇas*.<sup>545</sup> Thus a monk on his begging tour may see a .... dog's carcass near the village gate.<sup>546</sup> The meaning of a dog skeleton found in Burzahom (24 km NE of Kashmir; neolithic–megalithic period) is uncertain. It was buried deep in an oval pit plastered with lime under the body of an adult, who possibly was the hunter-master, and it was the case of a faithful animal being buried near him. Alternatively, both died of wounds sustained in a hunt and the survivors thought it fit to bury them together.<sup>547</sup>

### 3.1.2 Use of dogs

*'Molt sont li chien de grant servise'* it says in the romance of Tristan.<sup>548</sup> Thus they first serve as **watchdogs** and guardians of the house, whom intruders want to go to sleep (see above under 2.3). Therefore a banbitch sits in front of Devasmitā's private appartments<sup>549</sup> and a dog is tied in front of a palace and barks at aliens approaching.<sup>550</sup>

Indra's dog searches and finds the cows RV 1,63,3; 72,8; 10,108.<sup>551</sup> Guard dogs and hounds are different breeds and so it is peculiar that a sheep-dog is presented to the king and becomes a hun-

chārikam byūhitvā nipannassa pan' assa phāsukam hoti. ≠ Sāratthappakāsinī III 70,32 ff.

- 543 Smārta Raghunandana, Vyavasthârņava quoted in Chaudhuri 1979: 206.
- 544 Padfield 1975: 28.
- 545 Kauțilya (ed. Kangle) 2,36,30.
- 546 Visuddhimagga 343,3 gāma-dvāra-samīpam .... kukkura-kuņapāni pi datihabbāni bhavanti.
- 547 Gupta 1972: 86.
- 548 Beroul/ Thomas 1968, vs 1636.
- 549 KSS 13,118 Devasmitâvāsa-grha-dvāram upāgatām tām sunī sinkhalâbaddhā rurodha.
- 550 Kathāratnâkara 201,6 purato nibaddhasyâikasya śunah śabdam niśamya ....
- 551 See also O'Flaherty 1976: 66.

ting dog, as Somadeva recounts.<sup>552</sup> The gift of a hundred dogs, as well as bamboo poles, hides and sheep or cows to a poet also seems peculiar.<sup>553</sup>

An important use of dogs is the **hunt**.<sup>554</sup> According to Hemacandra, *viśva-kadrus* are good hounds.<sup>555</sup> Hunting, esp. of boars, is a madness of kings,<sup>556</sup> thus Revanta, son of Sūrya,<sup>557</sup> and as early as RV 10,86,4 the dog is called a boar hunter<sup>558</sup> for which there is a special breed called *kola-suṇaga* (-*ya*) in Ardha-Māgadhī<sup>559</sup> *kola* (ts.) meaning 'boar'.<sup>560</sup> A monk is warned against these animals.<sup>561</sup> Indra,

- 554 Thus Medhātithi on Manu 4,216: *ākheṭakâdy-arthaṃ ye śuno bibhrati, te śvavantaḥ* ('fewterers').
- 555 Viśvakadrus tu kuśalo mrgavye (Abhidh 1281).
- 556 Somadeva, *KSS* IV 21,28 *mṛgayā nāma pramādo … bhū-bhṛtām*. For Licchavis hunting with dogs see 2.6 (p. 48). Many hunting scenes are found in Vijayanagara (p.c. Prof. Dallapiccola).
- 557 Sharma 1975: 26. Cf. Ja IV 437,18 rājā ... su-sikkhita-koleyyaka-sunakhagaņa-parivuto.
- 558 Śvā nv àsya (vṛṣấkapes) jambhişad ápi kárņe varāha-yúr. In a simile in Homer (*Iliad* 8,338) Hector pursues the Achaeans as a hound a boar; cf. Hemac, *Triṣaṣți*° 10,11,206 where the single king Udayana is surrounded by soldiers as a boar by dogs. Hunt and battle are often connected as a stylistic device, see Krottenthaler 1996: 61f. For the connection between the hunt and the office of a ruler in our Middle Ages see Stürner 2000: 446.
- 559 Ayār 2,1,5,3; Uttar 19,54 *kola-suņayehim sāmehim sabalehi ya phādio* 'I have been torn to pieces by black and spotted hounds'; comm.: *śūkara-śvan* (see also under 2.3 supra).
- 560 For a picture of the boar hunt from Bhārhut (2<sup>nd</sup> cent. BCE), which Lüders dealt with (1941: 132), see Krottenthaler 1996: 170, Snead 1989 plate 87 or Iyer 1977 plate 194. The dogs, whom Iyer styles as hill dogs (whatever that may be), seem to be short-haired, but with bushy tails. Lüders also refers to a fable in Kautalya 9, 2, 6 where a *cāndāla* always wins in a fight between a dog and a boar: he eats whichever is killed.

In Sind in the early 20<sup>th</sup> cent. a kind of bulldog was used (Mackay in Marshall 1931: 348) for the boar hunt, whereas in Germany today boars are chased with field spaniels, and in Roman antiquity, with Molossians (Peters 2005: 8f.).

561 Ayār 2,1,5,3. Jacobi's rendering as 'boar', following Śīlânka's mahāsūkara, is wrong here, for the same enumeration of animals, siyālam virālam suņayam kola-suņagam, occurs in Pannavaņā (Ladnun, 1971) 1,66;

<sup>552</sup> Vikramâsarālasya vraja-pālasya sadmani mrga-damsá-vamsé ... Candramatir ... kauleyako babhūva (Yaśastilaka V 186: 5).

<sup>553</sup> RV 8,55,3.

in the guise of a dirty naked Mātanga, hunts with a pack of dogs<sup>562</sup> and unworthy brahmins do also.<sup>563</sup> An unarmed man who hunts with a dog is called a hero.<sup>564</sup> Tribals in middle India also use hounds.<sup>565</sup> For the Jains it is of course clear that by such very bad deeds a hunter with dogs makes (people) say (bad things) about him (or: ruins himself ?).<sup>566</sup> The animals can be exhorted (*sīt-krta;chik-kāriya*) by certain cries like chikkā chikkā !<sup>567</sup> or chucchū ! (Āvār I 8.3.4).<sup>568</sup> A signal of command or attention (*accharā*) is made by a snapping of the fingers.<sup>569</sup> Wild animals killed by dogs must be sprinkled with water for purity before man may eat them.<sup>570</sup> The  $r\bar{a}j\bar{a}$  Jagat Singh of Jaipur used a favourite dog as a postillon d'amour and carrier of billets doux.<sup>571</sup> For his services the trusty animal received a monument still to be seen in the palace garden. Another dog, which had saved its master, the Mahratta king Sāhū, from a tiger, was given an estate, allowed the use of a palanquin and had the raja's own turban put on its head.572

JambuP 2,36; Panhav 1,6; Jīvâj 3,620 with the epithet *sa-napphaya* 'with claws'. *Kola-* $^{\circ}$  is a *tatpuruşa* compound, as is foxhound or  $^{\circ}$ -terrier.

- 562 Dig-vāsasam ... Mātangam mala-pankinam apaśyata marau tasmin śvayūtha-parivāritam (Mbh [Poona, 1933]14,55,16).
- 563 Mbh 13,90,10; cf. 13,96,17.
- 564 Comm. 464,14 on BKBh 1585 explains vīra as yah śunaka-dvitīyah śastrâdy-apekṣā-rahito mṛgayām karoti, sa vīra ucyate.
- 565 Ruben 1939: 19f.
- 566 Sūyagada 2,2,28f. soņaie aduvā sovaņiyantie ... mahayā pāvehim kammehim attānam uvakkhāittā bhavai. Jacobi translates uvakkhāittā by "degrades himself" (i. e. he will be reborn in one of the low levels of existence), but does not explain his rendering. We probably have to do with the causative of  $upa\sqrt{K\$I}$ , kṣāpayati (cf. CDIAL 3670).  $Upa\sqrt{KHYĀ}$ , as supposed by Śīlânka, does not fit very well semantically and may even have been a slip in his or an earlier copy, reading y for s, as Professor Mette thinks (p.c.), whereas  $upa\sqrt{KHĀD}$  is not evidenced.
- 567 Ohabhāsya 124 vīra-suņiyā chikkā chikkā ! pahāvae turiyam. Cf. PiņdaN 451.
- 568 Cf. Elwin 1954: 370 chu chu and Dhp-a I 171,21 sū sū.
- 569 Ja IV 438,5.
- 570 Vasistha DhS III 45.
- 571 Fodor 1986: 172.
- 572 Crooke 1906: 146. See also below, p. 105.

Dogs for **play**, pets,<sup>573</sup> as we have seen above, are as old as Mohenio-Daro, and were kept in palaces as well as in ordinary households, but Manu 3,164 enjoins a brahmin to avoid, among many others, people who keep dogs for pleasure (*śva-krīdin*). Yet a brahmin puts a puppy on his shoulder, which a herdsman had said that, because of his age, he was unable to carry, nor could he lead it "a dog's dance"<sup>574</sup> out of affection towards it.<sup>575</sup> The Mahrattas in particular have always loved dogs, as Crooke reports, and early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Broughton describes the ladies in their camp petting little lapdogs which they had obtained from the French officers.<sup>576</sup> Tribals like the Gadaba in Orissa also keep pet-dogs,<sup>577</sup> but in Nepal apparently few people do.<sup>578</sup> Sometimes lap-dogs serve a more intimate use, viz, when they seem to have sex appeal, avoir du chien, which to men apparently happens only in dreams,<sup>579</sup> but queen Mallikā is said to have given herself passionately to her dog<sup>580</sup> while, in order to show feminine lecherousness – a favourite topic in monastic scriptures<sup>581</sup> – the scholiast on BKBh 2547, quoting a Prākrit source, recounts not only the same behaviour of a naked common laywoman in a lonely place, but that this person let herself be enjoyed also by deer, jackals, monkeys, etc.<sup>582</sup> The frequent bans on bestiality in Indian ascetic lit-

- 575 Merutunga 47,20f. śvāna-śāvam vrddhatayā nôdvodhum vatsalatayā na moktum ca śaknomi.
- 576 Crooke 1906: 148 < Broughton 1977: 106.
- 577 Elwin 1954: 368.
- 578 Anderson 1971: 166.
- 579 Negelein 1912: 119.
- 580 Dhp-a III 119,12 vallabha-sunakho .... Mallika-devim (nahāna-kotithe) onatam disvā a-sad-dhamma-santhavam kātum ārabhi. Sā phassam sādiyantī aithāsi. Cf. Keilhauer 1983: 40 where a similar scene from Patan in Nepal is depicted, but it seems hardly animallike.
- 581 A real dog-and-pony of this show is the Kuņāla-jātaka (Bollée 1970 : 117 et passim).
- 582 Egā <agārī> a-viraiyā a-vāudā kāiyam vosirantī virahe sāņeņa ditthā so ya sāņo puccham lolento cādūņi karento allīņo. Sā agārī cintei: "Pecchāmi tāvai. Esa kim karei ?" tti. Tassa purato sāgāriyam abhimuham kāum jāņuehim hatthehi ya ahomuhī thiyā. Teņa sā padiseviyā. Tie agārie tatth'eva sāņe aņurāgo jāto. Evam miga-chagala-vānarâdī vi agārī abhi-

<sup>573</sup> Pets are called vallabha in Harisena, Brhatkathākośa 73 vs 28.

<sup>574</sup> For this American expression with the sense of 'to leave alone' see *Time* of Febr. 6, 1978, p. 10 col. 3.

erature testify to its occurrence not being so rare in daily life.<sup>583</sup> Figures of dogs in a chesslike game are thought to be alluded to in Hāla's  $G\bar{a}th\bar{a}saptaśati$  338 by Kamala when she says: "Here the lady is moving from one house to another like the maina or the Dyūta Guțikā, from one house to another, in search of her lover, in a village full of dogs. The Sāri or Sārī, thus moving in the game, is always in danger of being eaten by the dog. She may be molested by the *Vițas* in the village, who are abundant like the dogs themselves. In this game of dice the models used to be the maina and dog – its enemy."<sup>584</sup> For marrying a dog see under 3.5.3.

It appears that **war dogs** may have been used in India as in Greek antiquity<sup>585</sup> and in the ancient Near East.<sup>586</sup> Thus, when king Harṣavardhana set out with his army, 'horsemen shouted to dogs tied behind them'<sup>587</sup> and Khaṇdobā's faithful dog assisted his master in his battle against the demons.<sup>588</sup> The army of Mallanna – a local variant of Khaṇdobā – consisted of seven dogs.<sup>589</sup> See also under 3.5.5 (p. 105).

Dogs as **draught** animals are seldom mentioned; a rare instance is the *kukkura-jāņa* 'dog cart' of a deformed brahmin in Vasudevahiņdi 94,4. In Tibet, however, huge dogs are used as beasts of burden to

*lasanti* (718, 6ff.). – In the Sutasomajātaka, however, the initiative starts from a lioness on heat, which raises its tail in front of King Sudāsa (Ajaņṭā Cave XVII; Schlingloff 1999: 52; 2000: I 254).

- 584 Kamala 1984: 115f. Patwardhan's text runs: sunaya-paurammi gāme hinda<n>tī tuha kaena sā vālā | pāsaya-sāri vva gharam gharena kenâvi khajjihii || in Weber vs 344/138 the last quarter runs: gharena kaiāvi khajjihai.
- 585 Pauly-Wissowa, *RE* 1913/62 VIII,2 col. 2566 f.; Scholz 1937: 11 und 45; Lilja 1976: 14 note 4 with further literature; Giebel 2003: 121 and Peters 1998: 175 note 176 (the Romans probably had no proper war dogs, but kept nasty tracker dogs in their watchtowers along the *limes*).
- 586 Claudius Aelianus, *Varia Historia* XIV 46; Zeuner 1967: 86 picture 46 (Babylon); Collins 2002: 243.
- 587 Cowell 1897: 201 ; Forster 1940–1: 114; Lilya 1976: 14 note 4 and 111 (in Magnesia as early as 600 BCE); Harşacarita 206,9 hayârohâhūy amāna-lambita-śuni.
- 588 Hiltebeitel 1989: 276.
- 589 Sontheimer 1997: 122.

<sup>583</sup> Bollée 1988: 185.

carry salt.<sup>590</sup> A dog is the *vāhana* of the goddesses Haḍkāī (in Gujarat)<sup>591</sup> and Śītalā (?), the North Indian smallpox deity; of a *kṣetrapāla* in Gwalior Fort (Bhattacharya 1974: 135).<sup>592</sup>

The use of dogs by a provident king to select a successor among his sons is uncommon: "(he) put his three sons to test. He served them [with] a splendid dinner and while the sons were dining, he let loose furious dogs on them. The first prince left his dinner and ran away, the second one stopped the dogs with sticks<sup>593</sup> and finished his dinner, whereas the third prince continued his dinner and also allowed the dogs to eat. The king was pleased with the last one and made him the heir-apparent."<sup>594</sup> A special use of animals such as dogs, tigers, etc., is as a nightmare in Gujarat in order to silence weeping children by threatening them that the animals will get them.<sup>595</sup>

#### 3.1.2.1 Utensils

The most important utensil of dogs in the hot climate is a drinking bowl,  $s\bar{a}$ - $p\bar{a}na$ -doni, in PED stubbornly translated by 'dog's trough', despite the commentary's *sunakhānam pivana-doni*,<sup>596</sup> unless  $s\bar{a}p\bar{a}na$ - somehow stands for *suvāna-doni*, which occurs in later Pāli.<sup>597</sup> We do not know what this object looked like, only that it was made of wood, as Hemacandra remarks.<sup>598</sup> House dogs further can

- 595 Enthoven 1916: 135. *Śva-lominī* in BhāradvājaGS I 23 may be a demon, just as *śva-graha* in II 7:1 is one hostile to children in BhGS II 7. Cf. Sakka's turning Mātali into a black dog in order to punish men (Ja IV 181,26).
- 596 MajjhimaN II 152,7 = 183,18 sā-pāna-doņiyā vā sukara-doņiyā vā ... uttarâraņim ādāya aggim abhinibbattentu tejo pātu-karontu 'let those ..., bringing an upper piece of fire-stick from a dog's trough or a pig's trough ..., light a fire and get it to give out heat'(Horner).
- 597 Vism 344,17 āhāro ... suvāņa-doniyam thita-suvāņa-vamathu viya paramajeguccha-bhāvam upagacchati 'food ... becomes as utterly nauseating as a dog's vomit in its trough' (which is fully unrealistic).
- 598 Dāru-pātre daduh kim tu śunakhasyêva bhojanam 'food given in a wooden bowl to a leper like a dog' (Trișașți° 10,9,101), cf. Jātaka V 228,13 sunakhassa bhājanam āhārāpetvā.

<sup>590</sup> Crooke 1906: 143 quoting Sir J. Hooker.

<sup>591</sup> Fischer / Jain / Shah 1982: 82.

<sup>592</sup> Fischer / Jain / Shah 1982: 107. However, on p. 91 she is riding a donkey.

<sup>593</sup> Cf. ŚpBr 11,1,5,11.

<sup>594</sup> Jain 1984: 65 referring to VavBh (IV) 2,327. This vs corresponds to vs 1301 in the Ladnun ed. which deals with the simile of the *āvekkha* and *nirāvekkha* king. The comm., however, does not mention the above story.

have an unspecified bowl, a muzzle, a collar, a leash or tether, a kennel and a lair. For the bowl, the Kāśikavrtti on Pānini 6.3.137 gives śvā-kunda, for muzzle the word mukha-tundaka is used.599 Another term may be *phelaka*, if Kangle's interpretation of the thieves' spell causing sleep in Kautilya 14.3.23 is correct. He translates it, however, as 'tying the dog-kennels' (?),<sup>600</sup> because he assumes that the dogs would probably be free at night. The normal word for 'kennel' is kulāva<sup>601</sup> or śvâgāra,<sup>602</sup> for lair āśraya. <sup>603</sup> Collars have been known since Mohenjo Daro<sup>604</sup> and Harappa; in the latter place a dog with a double collar was excavated, from which on either side of the collar a pannier ornament rises such as has not previously been found on animal figures.<sup>605</sup> I have no designation for collar in literature, but Untracht 1997: 202 (fig. no 385) shows a silver collar, called kuttaguluband in Hindī, for a favourite pet of the Mahārāja of Junagadh. One can take a dog and tie it to a strong leash,<sup>606</sup> but royal dogs may have a golden leash.<sup>607</sup> Finally, two references are unclear: *iha te bālā* viparivartante kurkurā iva \*gardūla\*-baddhāh, which Edgerton translates as 'tied to a thong like dogs',<sup>608</sup> and the word kulunthaka, which is rendered as 'leash' and is not in our dictionaries.<sup>609</sup>

601 According to PWB in Vart. on Panini 1,3,21.

- 604 Yule 1985: 2 and figs 19 and 21.
- 605 Vats 1940: 306 no 49.
- 606 SamyuttaN IV 198,30 kukkuram dalhāya rajjuyā bandheyya. Mātali disguised as a big black dog is tied by a fivefold thong: *pañc' -angika-bandhena bandhitvā* (Ja IV 181,26). In Bhimbetka, SE of Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, a man is seen on a rock painting with a dog on a leash, the animal keeping its tail raised on its back; the painting possibly dates from the Gupta time (Neumayer 1983: 143, plate 149).
- 607 Bilhana, Vikramânkadevacarita (ed. G. Bühler. Bombay, 1875) 16,39.
- 608 Lalitavistara 207,17.
- 609 Harşac 213,5 kulunthaka-pāśa-viveştyamāna-grāmiņa-grāsâkrṣta-kauleyakam 'there village dogs, entrapped by bits of food, were being tied in leashes' (Cowell / Thomas 1897: 209). The scholiast, Śankarakavi, explains kul<sup>o</sup> by śunām bandhana-lagudāh 'rods for enchaining dogs' (whatever that may mean in Agrawala 1969: 198 note 2, perhaps poles to tie dogs to).

<sup>599</sup> Karmavibhanga 28,23 in Lévi's edition.

<sup>600 &#</sup>x27;Tying up' ? Baddhvā śunaka-phelakāh ... krtam te svāpanam mahat. See his note in 1963: II 585.

<sup>602</sup> BKŚS 21,87.

<sup>603</sup> Vārttika apaskirate śváśrayârthī on Pāņini 1,3,21.

#### 3.1.3 Names of dogs

Giving names to dogs, just as to conches or swords, shows their narrow relationship with their possessors. According to Bloomfield,<sup>610</sup> domestic animals in India began to receive names only with the Epic, nearly two thousand years later than in Egypt.<sup>611</sup> He would therefore take *dīrgha-jihvyá* in RV 9,101,1 against Geldner,<sup>612</sup> as an epithet, as does Hopkins.<sup>613</sup> In a note Geldner refers to the Āsurī Dīrghajihvī, who has the shape of a bitch in the Brāhmaņas,<sup>614</sup> but she, just as Śyāma and Śabala, Yama's messengers, is not a domestic animal, and would not have licked the plant juice, soma, whatever that may be.

She, however, used to lick at all soma that was pressed at the oceans, and therefore Indra ordered everyone not to perform sacrifices. Domestic dogs are the sons of Saramā,<sup>615</sup> 'the fleet one,' who is the bitch of the gods.<sup>616</sup> The father of the dogs is Maṇḍākaka or Sīsara, a dog-demon.<sup>617</sup> Śiva-Khaṇḍobā's dogs are Gulhe and Mogare.<sup>618</sup>

Some other names, describing physical characteristics, occur in a canonical Jātaka stanza:

 $M\bar{a}liyo$  Catur-akkho ca Pingiyo atha Jambuko, a goat alleges to a jackal that it has as its companions. The commentary states them to be the names of four dogs, which the prose text specifies as the leaders of 500 others.<sup>619</sup> Sāma and Sabala are two enormous barghests in the

Schmidt 1928: 151 translates  $k^{\circ}$  in Harşa (1936) 447,9 by *Knüttel* ('cudgel'); cf. Malayalam *kuranțu* 'log' ?

- 610 Bloomfield 1919: 235.
- 611 Hornung 1967: 83.
- 612 Purójitī vo ándhasah sutāya mādayitnáve / ápa śvānam śnathiṣṭana, sákhāyo, dīrgha-jihvyàm 'Friends, for the intoxicating pressed juice, kick away the dog Longtongue in order that your juice wins the day first' (auf dass euer Trank zuvörderst siege, stosset für den berauschenden Presstrank den Hund Langzunge fort, ihr Freunde).
- 613 Hopkins 1894: 155 note.
- 614 JaimBr 1,162; TāņdBr 13,6,9; AitBr 2,22,10.
- 615 RV 10,14,10.
- 616 Mbh I 3,9 (see also supra under 2.6).
- 617 MW; Sharma 1959-60: 223.
- 618 Sontheimer 1997: 194.
- 619 Nevertheless Francis and Neil translate: 'Hounds grey and tan, four-eyed one too, with Jambuk form my escort ...', yet remark in a note that "Māliya

Lokantara hell; with iron teeth they devour anyone who is removed from this world and has reached the other.<sup>620</sup> Further names in the Jātaka are Kaņha 'Blacky'<sup>621</sup> and Bobhukka, apparently an onomatopoeia,<sup>622</sup> cf. *Bello* in German, after the verb *bellen* 'to bark'. In the Karmavacana 22,2ff. a dog named Śańkha-kuñjara<sup>623</sup> occurs, but Śańkha-karņa 'Shell-ear' could not be checked.<sup>624</sup> A dhobi called his dog Būcika.<sup>625</sup> The dog who saved King Sāhū from a tiger was called Khaṇḍya 'Fragile'.<sup>626</sup> Finally a modern example: in a slum in Bhubaneshwar the dog Mantu married the five-year-old girl Kuni.<sup>627</sup>

The number five inspired a tantric yogin in Orissa to name his five dogs after the Pāṇḍavas and equate them to the five senses, his control over which he could display by making them sit, fetch, etc. <sup>628</sup> Columella, *De re rustica* 7,12, 3f. advises peasants and cowherds to give their dogs short names to make them obey soon.<sup>629</sup>

## 3.1.4 Dogs in human names

Naming humans after animals is a very ancient practice, in Egypt dating to pre-dynastic times, and for India Hilka gives a selection of nearly two pages.<sup>630</sup> Therefore the name of the author of the 2<sup>nd</sup> rgve-dic *mandala*, *Śunaka*, need not support the opinion that this man must have lived in Iran, where dogs were worshipped, because they were

and Pingiya probably refer to the colour of the dogs; Caturaksha is one of Yama's dogs in the Rigveda; Jambuka is a spirit in the train of Skanda." Caturaksa, however, is an epithet, not a name in the RV and Jambuka will be a dog resembling a jackal, the normal meaning of this word.

- 620 Jātaka VI 247,16\*.
- 621 Jātaka IV 183,12\*.
- 622 Adakkhi kira sakkhi tam jan'-indo Bhobhukkassa ca punna-mukhassa, Ja VI 354,27\*, explained 355,5' as bhum-karana-sunakhassa.
- 623 Read: -kañjara 'Shell-belly'?
- 624 In Bilhana's Vikramânkadeva-carita (MW without ref.).
- 625 Hemavijaya, Kath° 433,8.
- 626 Sontheimer 1997: 257 note 4.
- 627 *The Telegraph* (Calcutta) of April 8, 2005 (p.c. O.v. Criegern M.A.). See further under 3.5.3 (p. 102) where also another married dog, named Bacchan, is mentioned.
- 628 Siegel 1987: 240.
- 629 Peters 1998: 169.
- 630 Hilka 1910: 117ff.; Heimann 1931: 151.

regarded with contempt in India.<sup>631</sup> In the same way, it may be no mockery or satire on the part of the Vedic seer to compare brahmins with frogs,<sup>632</sup> because he would not ridicule his own social class. According to MW (no source given) *Saramā Deva-śunī* is also the name of the poetess of a part of RV 10,108; Geldner, however, speaks of a poet (note on vs 11). Velze 1938: 96 further mentions *Śaunaka*,<sup>633</sup> *Śaunakāyana*, *Śaunakī-putra*, *Śunaka-vasiṣṭha*, *Śunas-karṇa* (Npr. of a king, son of Śibi),<sup>634</sup> *Śvājani* in Vedic; *Śvan* in Grammar, and *Kuk-kura* (Name of a Nāga)<sup>635</sup> in Epic literature. *Alarka* is mentioned as the name of an *rṣi*.<sup>636</sup>

The name Śunaka may have the same origin as *kutro* 'Dog' given to sons of the Kāli Parāj, aborigines in Gujarat, when a dog barks at their birth,<sup>637</sup> or *kutriya* given to children to protect them from expected evil.<sup>638</sup> For 'Dog' as a proper name compare the designation 'Great Dog' for Alexander the Great on the part of the hellenist Egyptians, who called the Greeks 'dogs', which was positively meant given the veneration of dogs in ancient Egypt,<sup>639</sup> and further, in 14<sup>th</sup> cent. Italy, *Can* Grande della Scala, *signore* of Verona,<sup>640</sup> and the *condottiere* of duke Giovan Maria Visconti, Facino *Cane*.

Other men named after dogs or parts thereof are Śunah-śepa<sup>641</sup>, Śunah-puccha 'Dog's tail or penis', Śuno-lāngula 'dog's tongue', three sons of Ajīgarta Sauyavasi in AitBr 7,15. Śunas-karņa 'Dog's ear' is the son of king Śibi, Vṛṣṇyaha or Baṣkiha;<sup>642</sup> this name refers perhaps to alertness. A nine-versed *agniṣtoma* to reach heaven without

633 This name may indicate shamanistic connotations.

- 634 BaudhŚS 21,17; Caland 1926: 28.
- 635 Vogel 1926: 191.
- 636 Mbh 2,8,17; 14,30,2.
- 637 Enthoven 1914: 144; 1924: 211.
- 638 Abbott 1932: 48.
- 639 Loth 1994: 781.
- 640 Höfler 1940.
- 641 RV 5,2,7. See Falk 1984.
- 642 PVB 17,12,6 (see Caland's note 2 on 17,12,1).

<sup>631</sup> Cf. also the monk *Kukkura* in Mbh 2,4,19.

<sup>632</sup> As in RV 7,103. See also Siegel 1987: 85 f.: "The frog, in Sanskrit satirical verse and fable, was a symbol of limited vision and self-satisfaction ...." In the Kathāratnâkara 7,8 a brahmin is reborn as a frog (*bheka*).

illness is named after him.<sup>643</sup> Vdh 297,25 mentions an *uvajjhāya* called *Śuṇaya-ccheya* 'alert (*cheka*) like a dog' (?). *Śva-mukha* 'Dogface' is recorded as the name of a people.<sup>644</sup> *Śva-phalka* 'with the extended body of a dog' is the son of Vṛṣṇi in Harivaṃsa 1,34 et passim.

Uncertain cases are, e.g., RV 5,29,11 Rjí-śvan 'with fast dogs', the name of a king protected by Indra. This compound is also given the meaning 'with swelling testicles.'<sup>645</sup>

### 3.1.5 Dogs in names of other animals

Examples hereof are e.g. *sunaga-medha*, a goat's name in Vdh (Jain 1977: 301).

# 3.1.6 Dogs in place names

This phenomenon is best known by Kuvòç  $\kappa\epsilon\varphi\alpha\lambda\alpha i$  ... in Greece, but occurs elsewhere, also by Lykonpolis (Assiut) in Egypt, and in India, e.g., a *tīrtha* called *Śvāna-lomâpaha* and *°lomâpanayana*<sup>646</sup>; *Śuna-śoka* as a place name<sup>647</sup>; *śva-bhakṣa*<sup>648</sup> and *śva-bhojana*<sup>649</sup> 'dogs-food or dogs for food' as the name of a hell. *Śva-śīrṣa* 'with a dog's head' is given in Mahāvyutpatti 205 (PWB).

### 3.1.7 Treatment of humans by dogs

An important characteristic of dogs is their attachment ( $sv\bar{a}mi-bhakti$ )<sup>650</sup> and gratitude to humans,<sup>651</sup> also contrary to the behaviour of the latter towards them.<sup>652</sup> Thus in the RgVeda Agni is kindled as

- 650 Kathāratnâkara 191,15.
- 651 Kathāratnâkara 32,7 aśana-mātra-kṛta-jñatayā guror na piśuno 'pi śuno labhate tulām; 240,18. See also Elwin 1971 and Emeneau 1941 and 1942.
- 652 Cf. 3.1.1 p. 59 and 62 supra.

<sup>643</sup> ĀpŚrautasūtra 22,7,20 (stoma); BaudhŚS 24,11:2 (yajña).

<sup>644</sup> Varāhamihira, BrhS 14,25.

<sup>645</sup> AiG II,2, p. 177 'mit schwellenden Hoden', but p. 895 'κύνας ἀργούς besitzend'.

<sup>646</sup> Mbh 3,81,50f. ~e tīrthe ... prāņâyāmair nirharanti śva-lomāni dvijôttamāķ.

<sup>647</sup> Kirfel 1920: 73.

<sup>648</sup> GarudaPur I 57; SkandhaPur III 1,1,29ff.; ŚivaPur 5,16,5

<sup>649</sup> VișnuPur 2,6,5.

the intimate four-eved guardian of the sacrificer<sup>653</sup> and the poet addresses the Asyins: "Just as dogs do not bear our bodies to be hurt .... so protect us from suffering a fracture."654 The Jātaka tells us the story of the dog, which its peasant owner sold in Benares for a garment and a piece of money to a villager, who treated it well but tied it up with a strap in its hut. On the advice of the Bodhisatta it gnawed the strap through when people were asleep and went back to its former master.<sup>655</sup> Another dog warned its benefactor of danger.<sup>656</sup> A dog also gratefully saved its brahmin owner's life<sup>657</sup> by biting to death his enemy, who lay in wait for him in a thicket, because the latter had healed its mange (see above under 2.5.3). In the VāmanaPurāna a dog purifies the wicked Vena by showering him with water from the Sthānu shrine. Then Vena praises Śiva and obtains a boon, by which the deity grants him to keep the dog with him.<sup>658</sup> Crooke mentions krtajña 'grateful' as an epithet of dogs and of Śiva.<sup>659</sup> For a hunter, shepherd, itinerant merchant and the Marāthā king a dog is not a "messenger of death", but the embodiment of bravery and faithfulness.660

A rare case of apparent ingratitude to its master by a dog is found in Mbh 12,118, though the animal had first been very faithful.<sup>661</sup>

As guardians of herds and huts dogs are distrustful of strangers, as is shown in RV 7,55,3 by the question "Dog, why do you threaten us ?"<sup>662</sup> Often it will not stop at that: a brahmin bitten by a dog has to purify himself by bathing in a river with his clothes on.<sup>663</sup> Mahāvīra

- 654 Śvánêva no árişaņyā tanūnām .... visrásah pātam asmán (2,39,4), cf. Willman-Grabowska 1931: 34.
- 655 Mahājanne niddam okkante yottam khāditvā .... attano sāmikānam gharam eva gato, Ja II 247,24.
- 656 Koleyyako pingala-sunakho "mayā attano balena tassa jīvita-dānam dātum vattati," Ja V 231,18 ff. depicted in Bhārhut (see under 3.3).
- 657 For the motif of the helpful dog see Thompson/ Balys 1958: 68f.
- 658 VāmPur, Saromāhātmya 26,55 ff.; 27.1 f. Cf. O'Flaherty 1976: 326.
- 659 Crooke II 1896: 218.
- 660 Sontheimer 1997: 238.
- 661 Manuşyavad gato bhāvah sneha-baddho 'bhavad bhrśam (12,117,10).
- 662 Sārameya (....) kím asmấn duchunāyase ? See also Willman-Grabowska 1931: 34f.
- 663 BaudhDhS 1,5,11,39.

<sup>653</sup> RV 1,31,13.

was bitten in Lāḍha (Bengal).<sup>664</sup> He may have been on his alms round and evoked in the dogs the "postman's syndrome"<sup>665</sup> of aversion to odd-smelling aliens such as the Digambara monk seen by King Harṣa, – he was black as soot, with the collected filth of many days besmirching his body<sup>666</sup> – or Hemacandra Maladhārin, or other food rivals,<sup>667</sup> but the locals also set their dogs upon the Jain saint uttering the cry *chucchū*.<sup>668</sup>

Later, there was even a belief that seeing a monk foretold ill luck, as in the case of King Harşa just mentioned, especially in hunting, which made another king chase his dogs on Sudatta.<sup>669</sup> It is perhaps after such an attack on his person that the famous 9<sup>th</sup> century scholiast Śīlâṅka even opines that a dog is vicious by nature.<sup>670</sup> The texts therefore often contain warnings for monks to keep their distance.<sup>671</sup> Further, a dog may approach a single monk from behind, when he purifies his almsfood, and bite him. When the monk looks at the dog, he may not observe the begging rules.<sup>672</sup>

Śramaņas had the same nasty experience,<sup>673</sup> sometimes with hilarious consequences. Thus a stupid śramaņa bitten by a dog on his

- 664 As they did according to Āyāranga 1,8,3,3. See also Wujastyk 1984: 191.
- 665 Bollée 1988: 90.
- 666 Bāṇa, Harṣac 152,15f. kajjalamaya iva bahu-divasam upacita-bahalamala-paṭala-malinita-tanur abhimukham ājagāma ... nagnâṭakaḥ. Durnimittair ... .
- 667 Samanas, māhaņas, caņdālas (Āyār 1,8,4,11). Cf. Sūyagada 1,3,1,8 app ege khu(d)hiyam bhikkhum suņī damsai lūsae.
- 668 Āyār 1,8,3,4. According to Hemac, *Triṣaṣți* °10,3,558 they set the dogs upon him out of curiosity: *bhaṣaṇān mumucuh ke 'pi prati svāmim kutuhalāt*.
- 669 Haribhadra, Samar. 268,11; Puspadanta, Jasah. 3,35. Cf. in the comm. 964,10f. on BKBh 3450 = 3469 the noise made to scare away dogs, cows or thieves entering: chuk-kāraņa tti chi-chi-kkāraņ kartavyaņ. Cf. Hertel 1922: 93 note. In Europe, too, meeting Christian clerics is deemed inauspicious ((Bächtold-Stäubli 7 [1936]: col. 322 f.).
- 670 Lūşakah prakrtyâiva krūro bhakşakah (Śīlânka 82 a 11 on Sūyagada 1,3,1,8).
- 671 Āyār II 1,5,3; Dasav 5,1,12 and 22; OhaN 424 *sāņā goņâi ghare, parihara* ! (Mette 1974: 58), etc.
- 672 Scholiast on BKBh 1702 (p. 501,13f.) sa ekākī bhikṣām śodhayati, tadā pṛṣṭataḥ śvānaḥ samāgatya tam daśet. Atha śvānam avalokate, tata eṣaṇām na rakṣati.

<sup>673</sup> MN I 519,17.

knee sounds the gong, when come back to his monastery, in order to save him the time and trouble of telling every monk separately of his mishap. The assembled monks then laugh at the great fuss about nothing.<sup>674</sup> The Buddha, who once noticed canine hostility when entering (the compound of) a house for alms,<sup>675</sup> disliked the town of Mathurā inter alia for its curs.<sup>676</sup>

Sometimes, however, dogs are very friendly and respectfully circumambulate a monk,<sup>677</sup> perhaps not wholly unselfishly, as it is said of a monk who always runs about for alms that dogs stick at his feet.<sup>678</sup>

Dogs were also used straightaway as executioners, as when they tear dacoits to pieces;<sup>679</sup> were let loose on a gambler unable to pay off his debt;<sup>680</sup> as when Manu VIII 371 prescribes that an adulterous woman should be devoured by dogs<sup>681</sup> (she is not killed first, but caused to be bitten to death<sup>682</sup>), or as a punishment for setting one's dogs on a begging *pratyekabuddha*, as occurred to Udayana, who was

674 KSS 65.132 śramaņaķ .... rathyāyām bhramam jātu śunī jānuny adaśyata ....

- 675 Bhagavā .... tam gharam piņdāya pāvisi. Sunakho Bhagavantam disvā bhukkāram karonto Bhagavato samīpam gato (Sv 384,21 f.).
- 676 Anguttara-Nikāya III 256,20 Madhurāyam ..... candā sunakhā. Is this canda related to candāla ?
- 677 Haribhadra, Samar. 268,16\* tam .... sāņā daţţhūņa nippahā jāyā .... kāūņa payāhiņam suņaya-vandam; Hertel 1917:90.
- 678 Supāsaņāhacariya 277 vs 38 pāesu tujjha laggantu kukkurā niccam bhikkham bhamantassa. Cf. Sīhalavatthu-ppakaraņa (C<sup>e</sup> 1959) 102,14\*.
- 679 AnguttaraN I 48,9 and in hell Uttar 19,54 (pāva-kammo) kūvanto kolasuņaehim ... phādio. Cf. ĀvCū 496,11 about the wicked king Datta: (Dattam) kumbhie suņae chubhittā bāram baddham. Hetthā aggī jalito. Te suņayā tāvajjantā tam khandākhandehim chindanti. Cf. ĀvNH 370a 6.
- 680 Mrcch 2,12.
- 681 Also Mbh 12,165,63 and AgniPur 227,42. Cf. Kane, *History* I 1975: 527; III 1973: 401. In a list of life's evils the Buddha mentions dogs being made to bite the flesh of the body: *sunakhehi khādāpanam pi dukkham* (Milindapañha 197,13).
- 682 *Tām śvabhih khādayed <rājā> yāvan mrtā* (Medhātithi). This is different from the 19<sup>th</sup> Dynasty Egyptian story where the adulterous woman is killed first and then thrown to the dogs (Tawney / Penzer II 121). For dogs used in this way by the Bactrians and Sogdians (to kill the ill and old) see Loth 1994: 779 and in mediaeval Italy Giovan Maria Visconti may be mentioned.

therefore devoured by dogs in five hundred successive lives.<sup>683</sup> Similarly, when a policeman (*rakşin*) says to a presumed thief: "You will see the mouth of a dog", he refers to the custom of burying a condemned man in the ground up to his neck, and then letting loose dogs to tear him up.<sup>684</sup> This idea as a warning against infringement of the law, however, is not thought to be behind the engraving of a dog on a stone in Ceylon, but it is rather interpreted as a threat of canine rebirth, as a result of such a violation.<sup>685</sup> In Dandin, Kirātas let young dogs bite a boy to death as a sacrifice to their deity.<sup>686</sup> Unintentionally being killed by a dog is a danger which a baby, whose mother has gone out, may be exposed to and if a *sādhu* sees this, he has to take the child up, bring it to a safe place and keep watch;<sup>687</sup> this will rarely be necessary, however, as most times other women will be near, though ayahs are notoriously afraid of dogs.<sup>688</sup>

Against dogbites there are various remedies, religious and medical ones: to perform the *krccha-vrata* penance,<sup>689</sup> or bathing in a river that flows into the ocean, so that the water can take away the impurity; to practise  $pr\bar{a}n\hat{a}p\bar{a}na$  a hundred times, to eat ghee,<sup>690</sup> and use a preparation from the Aśoka tree (Croton oblongifolius Roxb.).<sup>691</sup> The wound of a Jain nun should be wrapped in a tiger skin<sup>692</sup> (she may not

- 684 Kālidāsa, Śakuntala 6 Intro. 1–2 (ed. Devadhar & Suru. Poona, 1934: 334) śuņo muham vā dakkhiśśaśi. Also Mrcch 10,54 ākarşantu su-baddhvâinam; śvabhih samkhādyatām atha. AnguttaraN I 48,9 about a dacaoit (Mp II 90,16 chāta-sunakhehi khādāpenti; te muhuttena aţţhika-samkhalikam eva karonti).
- 685 Bechert / Gombrich 1984: 139.
- 686 Dkc (ed. Godbole. Bombay, 1940) 27,2 kumāram devatôpahāram karişyantah Kirātāh .... an-eka-caranaih palāyamānam kukura-bālakair damśayitvā samhanişyāmah.
- 687 Mette 2003: 219 quoting Haribhadra's Āvassaya commentary.
- 688 Cormack 1953: 13.
- 689 Agnipurāņa 170,45. This penance is defined in ĀpastambaDhS I 9,27,7 as dietary rules four times daily for three days.
- 690 VāsistaDhS XXIII 31 (Renou / Filliozat I 1947 § 1250), cf. BaudhDhS I 5,41.
- 691 S.K. Jain 1991: 63.
- 692 For a Jain nun in BKBh 3816f.

<sup>683</sup> Lacote 1908: 246.

treat it herself);<sup>693</sup> the middle-Indian tribe of the Bhuiya make a bitten person eat seven long ants and seven harmful insects in oil of the Bassia latifolia tree.<sup>694</sup> Finally, to prevent being bitten, people in Thailand wear phallic amulets (*phlad khik*) around their waist, which are believed to be useful against snakes as well as dogs.<sup>695</sup> This again reminds us of the evil eye,<sup>696</sup> against which such amulets are quite common, e.g., also in Italy from ancient times<sup>697</sup> up to our days; on this see further sub 3.5.3.

#### 3.2 Similes

The properties of dogs and the role they play in Indian life may nowhere be observed more clearly than in similes. Thus in RV 2,39,4 the Aśvins as protectors are compared to dogs and the Pāli simile of the dog, *sunakhôpama*, illustrates the unchangeable canine fidelity which Abhayanāga required of his followers: after he had chided and punished a dog he had with him, the animal followed him nevertheless, wagging its tail.<sup>698</sup> Thus a brahmin lies at the door of a prostitute like a poodle.<sup>699</sup>

Similes (*dṛṣṭântas*) are a fixed part of Indian discussion, either replacing an argument or clarifying or illustrating a view. In most cases, however, a list of them is missing in editions and translations and thus is an urgent desideratum. Thus the *vīra-śunikā-dṛṣṭânta* 'the parable

- 696 See also under 2.4. On the evil eye of a snake (*dṛṣṭi-viṣa*) see Tawney-Penzer II 1924: 298 and Abbott 1932: 117.
- 697 Near Osnabrück in Germany, e.g., where the Roman general Varus in a battle in 9 CE lost his three legions, a phallic amulet has been found near a horse's harness which apparently should protect the animal and its load against the evil eye (Berger 1991: 225). For the phallic image to ward off the evil eye see Dundes 1981: 284 and, esp., 134 (Pitrè's article).
- 698 Atthakathā on Mahāvamsa 36,44.
- 699 Hemacandra, Parº 3,134.

<sup>693</sup> Cū II 214,17 sunaha-dakka explaining vaņa in Nis III 33 je bhikkhū kāyaņsi vaņam phumejja vā raejja vā ....

<sup>694</sup> König 1984: 121 f. quoting Roy 1935: 274.

<sup>695</sup> Bechert / Gombrich 1984: 168.

of the sharp bitch', found more than once, says that a bitch, when called, runs around again and again, but tired of useless effort refuses to catch game even if she has seen it.<sup>700</sup> Thus the *śunaka-māmsa-drṣṭânta*<sup>701</sup> should be recited in explaining *samdāsa* (VavBh 378). The proverb "let sleeping dogs lie" has even a Sanskrit pendant in the expression: "Seven beings when asleep should not be woken up, viz a snake, a king, a tiger, an old man, a child, the dog of someone else and a fool."<sup>702</sup> Yet a king should also be vigilant.<sup>703</sup> Further it is said "Who curses us ..., him I throw to death like a bone (or: a piece of meat) to a dog."<sup>704</sup> Here the dog, like Yama's messengers, represents death<sup>705</sup> – an ancient idea, also in the game of dice,<sup>706</sup> and still alive even for modern man, as Carl Gustav Jung experienced.<sup>707</sup> Thus also Bilhana can compare dogs to swans in the pleasure-tank of hunting, messengers of the god of Death towards young deer.<sup>708</sup> In a canonical Buddhist text a dog with cropped ears, through the ripening of its

- 700 Puvvim pi vīra-suņiyā chikkā chikkā pahāvae turiyam sā camadhaņāe siggā santam pi na icchae ghittum (OhaBh 124; cf. BKBh 1141 and 1585). In BKBh 1141 the simile is called suņi-payasa-taraccha-ațţh'-uvamā and explained in the comm. 356,11 yathā sā vīra-śunikā pūrvam āla-mālaih parikheditā, paścāt sad-bhūtam api nêcchati, evam atrâpi pūrvam śrāddhadharme kathite, paścād yatnato 'bhidhīyamānam api śramaņa-dharmam asau na pratipadyate.
- 701 Malayagiri IV,2 87 a 4ff. yathā ko'py alarkeņa śunā khāditaḥ : sa yadi tasyâiva śunakasya māmsam khādati, tataḥ praguņī bhavati, anekakāraņena śunaka-māmsam khādyate, satatam khāditu-kāmaḥ "katham aham sarvāspršyam śunaka-māmsam spršāmîti" samdamšakena mukhe kṣipati, evam pārihāriko 'pi kāraņata ekasmin pāršve upari vā grhītam sthavira-satkam jugupsamāna iva tat pariharan ātmīyam samuddiśati.
- 702 Sternbach 4079.
- 703 Mbh 12,138,62 śva-cestah simha-vikramah (rājā).
- 704 AV 6,37,3 yáś ca nah śápāt, śune péstram iva .... tam prátyasyāmi mrtyáve.
- 705 For the dog as an animal of the dead ('Totentier') in northern Europe see, e.g., Höfler 1934: 55f.
- 706 Schlerath 1954: 36; Falk 1986: 109 et passim.
- 707 In Jaffé 1971: 316 who mentions a dream of Jung in which he saw a gigantic dog running past him in a primaeval forest, which made him conscious that the Wild Huntsman had ordered the animal to bring a human being to him. Jung awoke scared and was informed the next morning of his mother's death.
- 708 Vikramânkadevacarita 16,31.

karman, eats the body of the person by whom the evil (of cropping ?) was done, one member after the other.<sup>709</sup> The earless dog, which could have betrayed an adulterous woman, could not do that any-more.<sup>710</sup>

An awkward situation, from which there is no way out, is expressed by the saying: "When one sees a dog, one finds no stone; when one sees a stone, there is no dog; when one sees a dog and a stone, it will be the king's dog. What shall we do now ?"<sup>711</sup> One should, however, not look at a dog, because it, just as a woman,  $s\bar{u}dra$  and crow, is untruth.<sup>712</sup>

Dogs are often chased away, said Hemacandra of two Mātaṅgas, who fled a house like dogs when beaten.<sup>713</sup> He further compares Bhil tribesmen to dogs surrounding the elephantlike Nala,<sup>714</sup> and lets Gośāla, who used to wander like a dog from house to house seeking superior food,<sup>715</sup> be chased from a temple like a dog by heterodox people.<sup>716</sup> It may not be accidental that in another simile he has Gośāla equate himself to a dog, with the words "I have experienced misfortune hard to endure, like a dog separated from its master (i.e. Mahāvīra)."<sup>717</sup> According to Hemacandra, Gośāla, on his deathbed, also identified himself with a dog, when conjuring his disciples to drag his corpse through the city of Śravastī, tied by a rope to his left foot, like a dead dog.<sup>718</sup> These are illustrations of the low status of a dog,<sup>719</sup> just as is the white and therefore auspicious milk, which does

- 709 Petavatthu II 12,12 (358) kim nu ... dukkatam katam kissa kamma-vipākena kaņņa-muņdo sunakho anga-m-angāni khādati.
- 710 Hāla, *Sattasaī* 550 *boļa-sunao vivanno*, says the woman. The meaning of the compound is unclear, see Weber 1881: 258.
- 711 BIS 6488.
- 712 ŚpBr xiv 1,1,31.
- 713 Trișașțiº 9,1,46.
- 714 Trișașțiº 8,3,492.
- 715 Trișașți° 10,3,394. As to Gośāla, Hemacandra appears not free from slander.
- 716 Trişaşti<sup>o</sup> 10,3,496 daridra-sthavirās .... kupitās te 'pi sārameyam ivâlayāt kanthe grhītvā Gośālam tat-kālam nirasārayan (pākhandāh).
- 717 Trișașți<sup>o</sup> 10,3,601 vipat .... śunêva svāmi-hīnena mayā labdhâdya duḥsahā.
- 718 Trișașțiº 10,8,465.
- 719 The dog is the *cāndāla* among quadrupeds (BIS 3850).

not stay in a dog's stomach<sup>720</sup> and the critically ill man who lies at home and like a watch-dog must catch what people scornfully throw to him.<sup>721</sup>

Lokanīti, comparing people to dogs who, when they see each other, show their teeth to bite/kill,<sup>722</sup> says that bad people behave just so to good people, cf. the saying that the barber, the dog and the brahmin, these three snarl at meeting one of their own kind.<sup>723</sup> As to canine straightforwardness, Vaiśampāyana compares the brisk approach to Draupadī by Duryodhana's "usher" to that of a dog.<sup>724</sup> When after the war, appalled by its devastation, Yudhiṣthira remarks: "We are not dogs, but like them we are greedy for a piece of meat and now the meat, as well as those who would eat it, have disappeared,"<sup>725</sup> he is told by Arjuna that he is abandoning prosperity and looking for food like a dog,<sup>726</sup> a bad characteristic of monks people censure as "they thus do not stop begging for food, etc., just as those wretched dogs who have not received anything."<sup>727</sup>

A nice parable of greed concerns a sleeping brahmin who said "thank you," as he rose with a start, when a dog urinated in his open hand. A thief reflected that such was the brahmin's greed for alms that it persisted even while he was asleep, and that he must not steal there.<sup>728</sup> The Buddha shows his monks the evil consequences of greed after the pattern of a prebirth of Upananda who then was a dog and lived near two monasteries on either side of a river. It had noted that a gong sounded for the mealtime and went to the monastery at that time to get the leftovers from the bowls. Once it heard the

- 721 Naunidhirāma, Sārôddhāra 1,22.
- 722 Lokanīti 2: 15 (ed. U Sein Tu. Mandalay, 1962: 122) sunakho sunakham disvā dantam daseti himsitum | dujjano sujanam disvā rosayam himsam icchati ||.
- 723 Low 1917: 197 f. cited in Tawney-Penzer III 1925: 101.
- 724 Mbh 2,60,3; see Hiltebeitel 2001: 242.
- 725 Mbh 12,7,10; see Hiltebeitel 2001: 171.
- 726 Mbh 12,18,12; see Hiltebeitel 2001: 171. In Mahānisīha 2,1,21,7 "women, like dogs, are only interested in gifts" (Deleu / Schubring 1963: 113).
- 727 Comm. on BKBh 4419 doṣāḥ .... a-datta-dānā śvānā iva varākā amī yad evam āhārâdi-nimittam a-viratakānām api cāṭūni kurvanti.
- 728 Bloomfield 1919: 61.

<sup>720</sup> Śālibhadracarita 5,57 kşīram śvānôdare .... na tiśthati.

gong in the monastery on the other riverbank and started swimming to it when in midstream the gong of the other *vihāra* sounded. Frustrated the dog began to swim back and was carried off far by the stream.<sup>729</sup>

Vidūṣaka well expresses canine importunity, with a *double entente* of the verb *khādyate*, when he expresses his fear that, if he instead of Cārudatta should alone accompany a lady: "I, again, a Brāhmaṇa, would fare badly, being harassed (*khādyamāna*) by people here and there, like an offering placed in a [public] square, being devoured by the dogs." <sup>730</sup> Association with the wicked … effects a change for the worse, like the poison of a mad dog.<sup>731</sup> For Buddhaghosa food becomes most repulsive, like dog vomit in a dogs' feeding bowl.<sup>732</sup>

In a famous simile the Buddha compared the fool, who believed his body to be his self, to "a dog tied up by a leash to a strong stake or pillar : if he goes, he goes up to that stake or pillar; if he stands still, he stands close to that stake ..." (Woodward).<sup>733</sup> Further, teaching the uselessness of grasping after material things and pleasures of the senses, he pronounced the parable of the dog to which, in a slaughterhouse for cows, was thrown a fleshless bone with a smearing of blood, with which he could not appease his hunger,<sup>734</sup> but it is said elsewhere that a dog is content with a mere bone, whereas a lion

- 729 Gnoli 1978: 41 (Professor Mette kindly drew my attention to this parable of the *gaṇḍi-kukkura*).
- 730 Mrcch 1,56,35 aham .... janehim cauppahôva nīdo uvahāro kukkurehim via khajjamāņo vivajjissam with Karmarkar's translation.
- 731 Trișașți<sup>o</sup> 1,2,39 *a-satām ca samsargo ... alarka-vișavat ... yāty eva vikriyām.*
- 732 Visuddhimagga 344,17 āhāro .... suvāņa-doniyam thita-suvāņa-vamathu viya parama-jeguccha-bhāvam upagacchati, cf. 358,28.
- 733 SamyuttaN III 151,6ff. Seyyathâpi ... sā gaddula-baddho daļhe khile vā thambe vā upanibaddho, so gacchati ce pi tam eva khīlam ... upagacchati ..., evam eva ... a-ssutavā puthu-jjano "Rūpam etam mama", "eso ham asmi", "eso me attā" ti samanupassati. According to Buddhaghosa, the dog is the fool, the leash is the belief or opinion of the people, the pillar is one's own body (sunakho viya vaṭṭa-nissito bālo, gaddulo viya diṭṭi, thambho viya sakkāyo, Spk II 327,3). Cf, MajjhimaN II 232,25 and BhāgPur 3,14,27 where the body is called "fare for dogs".

<sup>734</sup> MajjhimaN I 364,12 ff.

chases an elephant.<sup>735</sup> A man of limited vision is compared to a dog which has begun to lap up curds: he sees himself, but not the big club which is ready to fall upon its head.<sup>736</sup>

Similarly an old man who cannot enjoy the pleasures of the senses any more is said to resemble a toothless dog which can only lick a bone.<sup>737</sup> No wonder then, that a stanza blames the meanness of the god of love, who makes even an old, ear- and tailless, hungry, etc. dog run passionately after a bitch.<sup>738</sup>

On riches the goddess Lakṣmī teaches a brahmin who wants to enjoy her, that he who does not possess good karman is unable to enjoy wealth, even if he has succeeded in gaining it, for a thirsty dog can only lap at a full lake.<sup>739</sup>

A dog's curved tail is a symbol of something impossible, as it is said: "An evil man turns to his evil nature, though he be tended zealously; he is like a dog's tail that one strives to straighten by means of softening and oiling,"<sup>740</sup> and to serve an unintelligent man is like crying in the wilderness ... straightening a dog's tail.<sup>741</sup> Johnson's translation of a stanza in Hemacandra seems therefore unclear: "if a dog's tail were put in a machine many times, it would be crooked." It should rather be: 'even if .... it would still be curved.'<sup>742</sup> Another way to express impossibility is the question: "Could a dog crack and eat a coconut ?"<sup>743</sup> The opposite is

- 737 Hitopadeśa 1,5,113; Siegel 1987: 136.
- 738 Sternbach 11223, cf. Śīlâṅka I 115 a 3 on Sūyagaḍa 1,4,2,1 (see above under 2.6 [p. 47]).
- 739 Hemavijaya, Kathāratnâkara 9,15f. upabhuñjium na yāņei riddhim patto 'pi puņņa-parihīņo | bhariammi jaleņa sare maņdalo lihai jihāe ||
- 740 Pañcatantra (ed. Edgerton 1924: 89,7; trsl., p. 49) I 6. Cf. Hemavijaya, Kath° 126,1 je jasa hoya sa hāvadā te phite maraņeņa / suņahā vankī pumchadī samī na kijem keņa // Malayagiri compares the syllable dha to the curved tail (see p. 30 supra).
- 741 Pañcatantra I 327 (104); ed. Edgerton 1924: 306. Cf. BIS 570.
- 742 Trişaşti 10,4,116 yantre 'pi bahuśah ksiptam śva-puccham an-rjū bhavet. Johnson VI 88. See also Sternbach 1971: 162.
- 743 Basavanna, Vacana 31, cf. Jātaka V 384,1 where it is said that money for a wicked man is like a coconut found by a dog, i.e., something useless.

<sup>735</sup> Kathāsaritsāgara 60,36 śvā tusyaty asthi-mātreņa. Cf. BIS 7322.

<sup>736</sup> Jātaka VI 358,5 dadhim pātum āraddha-sunakho viya ca sayam eva passati, sīse pattanakam mahā-muggaram na passati.

illustrated by the saying "just as a four-eyed dog sees by night."<sup>744</sup> Though wearing necklaces of gold a dog does not possess the majesty of a lion.<sup>745</sup>

The enmity of dogs and cats is well observed and compared in Sternbach 4304: "The cat has humped her back; mouth raised and tail curling, she keeps one eye in fear upon the inside of her house, her ears are motionless. The dog, his mouth full of great teeth wide open to the back of his spittle-covered jaws, swells at the neck with held-in breath until he jumps her."<sup>746</sup> He arrests the cat as he does a boar.<sup>747</sup> A harsh sound is compared to the screaming of a cat caught by a dog,<sup>748</sup> but dogs also hotly chase a female jackal in a simile of a pursuit.<sup>749</sup> Otherwise a cat flees before a dog and so did the Rākṣasas before the mighty Viṣṇu.<sup>750</sup>

The proverb of two dogs fighting over a bone and the third one runs away with it, has an Indian equivalent in the idiom of the *caṇḍāla* looking at the fight between a hound and a boar.<sup>751</sup> In The-rīgāthā 509, women are called upon to "willingly just control yourself among sensual pleasures.. (You are) like a dog bound by a chain; assuredly sensual pleasures will treat you as hungry outcasts treat a dog",<sup>752</sup> kill and eat it, that is. The dog is often a metaphor for "shameless" sexuality<sup>753</sup> and all animal passions, cf. the German verbs, derived from canine species, *mopseln* and *pudeln 'coire'*.<sup>754</sup>

Another observation enabled Vanarāja to build his capital on as much land as a dog was chased over by a hare, and shown to him by Aṇahilla on condition that the town should bear his name.<sup>755</sup>

- 747 Hemacandra, Pariśistaparvan 8,285.
- 748 BKŚS 21,87.
- 749 Mrcch 1,28 (see p. 52 above).
- 750 Rāmāyaņa 7,7,21.
- 751 Kautilya (Kangle's edition) 7,1,34; 9,2,6 . Cf. above under "hunt" (p. 65 note 560).
- 752 Norman 1971: 50.
- 753 Sontheimer 1984: 166; Falk 1986: 30.
- 754 Stekel 1922: 128; Anthropophyteia III 1906: 222.
- 755 Prabandhac. 19 (p. 13,8) yāvatīm bhuvam śaśakena śvā trāsitas, tāvatīm bhuvam daršayamāsā.

<sup>744</sup> AVPaippalāda 3,22,5 and 8,6,5.

<sup>745</sup> Hitopadeśa 1,6; Pañcat 2,4,63\* (in Edgerton's text 1924: 244).

<sup>746</sup> Ingall's translation.

Low men who bark instead of speaking are called *śva-narā*h.<sup>756</sup> Thus the ugly voice of a Bhilla woman is compared to the bark of a bitch,<sup>757</sup> but also in the words of Bhīṣma, when he encourages Yu-dhiṣthira against his foes: "A dog cannot not kill a lion. .... These kings of the earth gather and bark like a pack of dogs around a sleep-ing lion."<sup>758</sup> Further a magician says: "I am a vexer of the *piśācas* .... like dogs on seeing a lion; they do not find a hiding-place."<sup>759</sup> A king who has set his hounds to chase the monk Sudatta, is ashamed when he sees that the animals prostrate themselves before him instead of attacking him, and says to Sudatta: "These are humans in the shape of dogs, but I am not a man behaving like a dog."<sup>760</sup>

A difficult simile is pronounced by the Buddha when his monks tell him that king Ajātasattu waits twice daily on Devadatta and his followers with a gift of food. As long as Devadatta is thus favoured, the Buddha says his skilled mental states will decline, not grow. "It is as if, monks, they were to throw a bladder at a fierce dog's nose – as that dog would become much fiercer, even so, for as long as Prince A. .... there may be expected for Devadatta decline ...."<sup>761</sup> The same text occurs in SamyuttaN II 242,20ff.<sup>762</sup> and is translated by Woodward as: "..... just as if they were to crumble [dried] liver on the nose of a fierce dog – the dog would thereby become fiercer." Even Buddha-ghosa, who had not commented the Vinaya reference, did apparently not understand the parable and explained *bhindeyyum* as

<sup>756</sup> Mbh cr. ed. 2,66,9 bhaşanti hâivam śva-narāh sadâiva.

<sup>757</sup> Hemavijaya, *Kathār*. 64, 8, cf. nr-kukkura in Rājataranginī 7,290. – In Homer's Odyssey 20,14ff. a barking bitch symbolizes Odysseus' bitterness.
758 Mbh 2,37,6f.

<sup>/38</sup> MDn 2,37,01.

<sup>759</sup> AV iv 36,6 with Whitney's translation.

<sup>760</sup> Haribhadra, Samarâiccakahā 268,19 ee (suņahā) suņaha-purisā, na uņa aham purisa-suņaho.

<sup>761</sup> Vinaya II 188,4 .... seyyathā pi .... caņdassa kukkurassa nāsāyam pittam bhindeyyum, evam hi so kukkuro bhiyyoso-mattāya caņdataro assa .... with Horner's translation in the Book of the Discipline. Part 5, p. 263. Should one read patta for pitta and translate 'break a vessel before his nose' ('on his nose' would kill the dog)? Can patta mean 'a dog's trough'? However, all this does not seem to fit Devadatta very well, who may, like Gosāla by Hemacandra, be compared to a dog, but does not become fierce(r) by letting himself and his followers be spoiled by Ajātasattu's luxury food.

<sup>762</sup> Quoted in Udāna-atthakathā 65.22.

pakkhipeyyum and pittam as accha-pittam vā maccha- pittam vā. Pittabheda 'blasting the gall-bladder' is mentioned as a designation of sheep fever (?).<sup>763</sup> Morris therefore thought *pitta* might stand for *phitta < sphita* 'swelling, boil' and that a fierce dog, if a boil on his nose should burst as a result of a blow, he would become fiercer.<sup>764</sup> Dogs are also associated with slanderers.<sup>765</sup> Thus Rāma complains that the slander of Sītā has spread once more like the poison of a mad dog.<sup>766</sup> A person who stays at home and slanders his neighbours, a malicious or censorious person, resembles a dog in a cow-pen who barks at every one (*gosthi-śva*; MW < Lexx.).<sup>767</sup> Pride is worse than a poodle-like servility to a vile person.<sup>768</sup> A fixed decision (to become a monk) may be stressed by saying (to one's wife): "Even if you give (our) son to the jackals (and) dogs (you will not turn me back again for the child's sake)."769 A dog's observance is when nuns go on their alms-round without a bowl,<sup>770</sup> the practice of dog ascetics (see under 3.5).

There are various kinds of men identifying themselves with dogs, viz the Vrātyas as members of sodalities calling themselves 'dogs',<sup>771</sup> and ascetics with canine behaviour who suffered from the  $v \dot{\sigma} \sigma \varsigma$ ,  $\kappa \upsilon v \dot{\alpha} v \vartheta \rho \omega \pi \sigma \varsigma$ , as the Greeks would say. This kind of renouncer existed as early as the days of the Buddha (5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> cent. BCE) and up to the present day,<sup>772</sup> for Khaṇḍobā has cynanthrope *bhaktas* who

- 763 Mbh (Poona, 1932) 12,283,55 avinām pitta-bhedaś ca sarveśām iti nah śrutam .... jvarah. The cr.ed. 274,53 has abjānām for avinām. According to Professor R.P. Das (p.c.) pitta-bheda does neither occur in Suśruta nor in Caraka or Vāgbhata.
- 764 R. Morris. Notes and Queries. JPTS 1893: 4.
- 765 Hemacandra, Trișașți° 4,4,148.
- 766 Bhavabhūti, Uttar<sup>o</sup> 1,40 dūsaņam yad Vaidehyāh .... tat .... ālarkam visam iva .... prasīptam.
- 767 BKŚS 20,359; cf. Heraclitus, Fragment Diels 22 B 2 κύνες γαρ καταβαύζουσι τῶν ἄν μὴ γινώσκωσι.
- 768 Mbh 13,104,15 śva-caryām atimānam ca .... tulayā dhārayad dharmo hy atimāno 'tiricyate.
- 769 Therīgāthā 303 (Norman's translation).
- 770 Comm. on BKBh 5940 amūbhir go-vratam śvāna-vratam vā pratipannam.
- 771 Falk 1986: 19; Das 1987: 248; 1991: 752 note 52.
- 772 Sontheimer 1997: 141. 'To behave like a dog' is kurkurīyati in Pāņinī 8,2,78.

bark.<sup>773</sup> People possessed by Mallanna behave like dogs and moreover make predictions.<sup>774</sup> Schafer, however, unmasked the dogheaded people mentioned by Ctesias.<sup>775</sup>

As a simile shows, dogs were sometimes killed in a privy.<sup>776</sup> To die a dog's death, mourir comme un chien, has also a Hindī equivalent: kutte ki maut maranā. The Buddha uses the carcass of a dog, etc., tied to the neck of a person, who has just washed his head and dressed up. to illustrate repulsiveness of the body.777 The smell of a canine cadaver, as of that of a cow or a snake,<sup>778</sup> is for the Jains infinitely less bad than that of the black, blue and grev lesya,<sup>779</sup> the kind of subtle substance accompanying the soul.<sup>780</sup> The frequent simile of the canine cadaver with the beautiful white teeth has been dealt with several times so far. In the assembly of the gods Indra extolls Visnu (Vāsudeva) as a man who only sees the good qualities of beings. One deity, considering this impossible, transforms himself into a canine carcass with beautiful teeth, lying at the side the road. All gods hold their noses and go out of their way disgusted, but Vasudeva quietly looks at the dog and says: "How attractively this dog's teeth shine **,"7**81

A person approaching his ruin in South India is said to be like a dying dog climbing the roof.<sup>782</sup>

ŚB 11,1,5,2 designates heat or a disease as 'dog's clutch'.<sup>783</sup> This metaphor is difficult to understand as it is a απαξ λεγόμενον and we

- 776 Rājataranginī 5,413.
- 777 Anguttaranikāya IV 377,1 seyyathā .... puriso .... kukkura-kuņapena kaņţhe āsattena aţţiyeyya.
- 778 The smell of a dead snake is recorded as quite undesirable in Vivāgasuya (ed. Vaidya; Poona, 1935), p. 8 § 18 se jahā nāmae ahi-made i vā sappa-kadevare i vā .... an-iṭṭhatarāe .... gandhe pannatte and this is confirmed by Roth 1983: 79. Cf. also Vism 343,3f. –ahi-kuņapa–kukkura-kuņapāni .... gandho pi nesam ghānam paṭihanamāno adhivāsetabbo hoti. In all Amg. dictionaries ahi-mada and sappa-kadevara are missing as keywords.
- 779 Utt 34,16.
- 780 Schubring 2000 § 97.
- 781 Zieseniss 1949: 273; Balbir 1993: 373 ff.
- 782 Thurston 1912: 57.

<sup>773</sup> Sontheimer 1997: 71 and 78 ref. to Tukārām vs. 4429.

<sup>774</sup> Sontheimer 1989: 325.

<sup>775</sup> Schafer 1964.

do not know the disease. A modern simile is the designation of the narrow-gauge rail in Shivpuri as *kuttā-ghaŗī* 'dog's train.'

#### 3.2.1 Dogs in abuse

Richter explained the use of "dog" as an invective in general, not only in Homer, because of canine necrophagy.784 In Faust's words: "A person who has the necessary means of speech at his command may start abusing another one in aggressive affect. Man shares such moods with such animals possessing brains not too much primitive. The brain regions decisive for such moods are phylogenetically old," and he concludes that prehistoric man was therefore certainly a homo maledicens, putting the metaphor into the service of his affect (Faust, loc. cit., 125). Man apparently remained in this way up to the Bodhisatta Gotama's conception, following which all beings became sweetspeaking, according to tradition.<sup>785</sup> Tradition also has it, that the Sākiyan royals used to marry their sisters and the Koliyans abused them accordingly for that reason,<sup>786</sup> but Willman-Grabowska is perhaps right in remarking that, other than in Homer, 'dog' as an invective is rare in Sanskrit texts, because it is courtly literature.<sup>787</sup> Exceptions then are RV 9,101,13 where the poet demands that the man, the niggardly dog, who did not listen to Soma's words and did not reward him (the poet), be beaten and driven away as the Bhrgus did with the Makha. The latter is an allusion to an unknown legend, but 'dog' is here an abuse for the greedy person.<sup>788</sup>

Further Bāna who, annoyed with his fellow writers, remarks: "Countless such (poetasters) there are, like dogs following their own

<sup>783</sup> Upatapat ācakşate śva-lucitam explained as śunā riktī-krtam ity ācakşate abhijnāh kathayanti. See Satya Prakash Sarasvati 1988: 304. Note the different translations in AiGr II,2: 571 and 659.

<sup>784</sup> Faust 1969: 111 note 207; cf. 123.

<sup>785</sup> Jātaka I 51,12 sabba-sattā piyaņvadā ahesuņ.

<sup>786</sup> Paramatthajotikā I 357 are, tumhākam rāja-kulam bhaginihim saddhim samvāsam kappesi kukkuta-soņa-sigālâdi-tiracchānā viya (Weber 1862: 421 f.), cf. Spk I 67,13; Dhp-a III 255,7; Jātaka V 413,1. – The act is a transgression of RV 10,10,22 pāpám āhur yáh svásāram nigácchāt.

<sup>787</sup> Willman-Grabowska 1931: 45.

<sup>788</sup> Sāyana on RV 9,101,13.

vile nature from house to house,"<sup>789</sup> and king Śūdraka, when he lets the offended Śakāra, the brother-in-law of king Pālaka, return to his abode, remarks that he does so like a jackal being barked at by dogs and bitches, Vidūṣaka and the maid-servant Radanikā, that is.<sup>790</sup> In Mbh 12,34,17 brahmins are called *śālā-vṛkas*, but this word can, beside 'dog', also mean 'wolf, cat', etc. (MW). It is at any rate meant as an offence, for in parables Śiśupāla uses it for Janārdana,<sup>791</sup> the Buddha for Devadatta and Hemacandra regarding Gośāla.<sup>792</sup>

It seems a little different in Pāli and Prākrit, proved here by the Sākiyan 'sister-fuckers'<sup>793</sup> and Candanaka comparing Vīraka to a barking dog (who thus scarcely bites anyone).<sup>794</sup> Further it is said of a bad (male) pupil that he is like a bitch with sore ears,<sup>795</sup> because he apparently does not hear well. People call a monk, dogged by a female fan reborn as a bitch, *śunī-pati*.<sup>796</sup>

#### 3.3 Dogs in art

The earliest representations of dogs in bronze and terracotta have been excavated in Lothal, Mohenjo-Dāro and Harappā<sup>797</sup> as we have seen above (1.0). From the latter site Basham has a picture of a dog on top of a pin.<sup>798</sup> Dog figurines have been found at many places in the Gangā-Yamuna valley, esp. in Kausambi and Vaiśāli.<sup>799</sup> Auboyer 1961: 97 shows a dog from Mathurā, where a rare mixed being, dog with fishtail, was also dug up.<sup>800</sup>

- 793 Jātaka V 413,1 ye soņa-sigālâdayo viya attano bhaginīhi saddhim vasimsu.
- 794 Mrcch 6,23 (ed. Karmarkar, p. 198).
- 795 Uttarajjhāyā 1,4 jahā suņī pūi-kaņņī.
- 796 Kathāratnâkara 495,1.
- 797 Mode 1959 Plates 11 and 53, p. 247; Sankalia 1978: figs 30f.
- 798 Basham 1975: 16.
- 799 Prakash 1985: 65 (last centuries BCE), 93 (red and grey figures), 115, 128. They are all roughly modelled.
- 800 Krishnamurthy 1985: 57.

<sup>789</sup> Harsacarita, introductory stanza 5; translation by Cowell and Thomas 1897: 1.

<sup>790</sup> Mrcchakațika 1,52.

<sup>791 &</sup>quot;You prize this (royal) honor that does not befit you, like a dog, that has found the spillings of an oblation, to devour it in a lonely place" (Mbh 2,34,19; translation by van Buitenen).

<sup>792</sup> Vinaya II 188,4 and Triṣaṣți<sup>o</sup> 10,3,539 *hitvâgasy api Gosālam śālā-vṛkam ivâtha*. See above under 3.2.

In the Janapada period (ca 600–320 BCE) among pictures of other animals, that of a dog is found on coins.<sup>801</sup> Of special interest is the small dog on the very ancient so-called punch-marked coins, which may refer to Rudra.<sup>802</sup> In Bhārhut a panel depicts a clump of mangoes to the left of a woman who is seated in front of several cats and dogs.<sup>803</sup> On another, one sees the king's dog who barks at the Bodhi-satta in the canonical verses, but warns him against his master's evil intentions in the prose of the Mahābodhi-jātaka.<sup>804</sup>

The Ajanțā murals (5<sup>th</sup> cent. C.E.) also present us dogs in Jātaka illustrations, e.g. in the Sutasomajātaka when king Sudāsa leaves his city for a hunt in the jungle.<sup>805</sup> They have short tails and ears pricked up; drivers keep some of them on a lead, tied to a collar, whereas others have no collars and are free. The dog kept leashed by a man on Singh's photo of the Mrgajātaka seems to be short- and smoothhaired, with a thin, medium-sized upright tail and a big head with small ears.<sup>806</sup>

The brown hound under the large boar on a mural in the Lepākṣī temple near Hindupur, dated to ca 1540, seems out of proportion.<sup>807</sup> A very different white house-dog, smooth-haired and with a long tail, is found in a 1603 Moghul miniature representing a scene in front of the house of the Sūfi Abū Bakr Duqqi.<sup>808</sup> A popular oil painting shows Khaṇdobā on horseback fighting two demons, one of whom his dog bites in his thigh.<sup>809</sup>

- 804 Coomaraswamy 1956: 85 fig. 137; Lüders 1941:153.
- 805 Yazdani IV 1955 Plate 33b; Schlingloff 1999: 52; 2000: I, p. 254 (I owe these and the following art references to Dr Monika Zin). Similarly the Sarabhajātaka (Yazdani IV 1955 Plate 45b and Schlingloff 1999: 52; 2000 I, p. 108. Here the dogs have no collars) and the Rurujātaka (Schlingloff 2000 I, p. 101; the dog on a leash has a very small tail and ears).
- 806 Singh 1965: 122 Plate 57.
- 807 Barrett / Gray 1963: 47.
- 808 Barrett / Gray 1963: 97.
- 809 Hiltebeitel 1989: 282.

<sup>801</sup> Jain 1995: 55 referring to Theobold's article in JASBengal 59 (1890), p. 212, unavailable to me.

<sup>802</sup> Held 1935: 228; 257 f. with older literature.

<sup>803</sup> Darian 1978: 84.

### 3.4 Dogs in literature and philosophy

Texts on dogs include the Kukkurajātaka (I 175ff.), Varāhamihira's *Bṛhatsaṃhitā*, ch. 89 and Haṃsadeva I 941ff. There are of course several pretty descriptions of dogs, such as the one given by Puṣpadanta<sup>810</sup> or Somadeva's 'a dog has a fleshless face, brown eyes, lean loins, broad buttocks, a broad chest, small teeth glossy like milk<sup>811</sup>; it is running fast for the hunt of the lords of the earth and has a somewhat curved tail.'<sup>812</sup> Mostly, as we have seen (2.7), dogs are no match for lions or tigres, yet Yaśastilaka quotes a stanza on an epitaph as "Verily, this dog is gone to heaven. Let the lion now live happily on the mountain slope," <sup>813</sup> probably posthumous praise of a faithful comrade, in the same way as the memorial stone for the dog in Western Ganga, which killed a tiger, but did not survive (see under 3.5.5 infra). Epitaphs on animals do not seem to occur in *kāvya* poetry.<sup>814</sup>

# 3.5 Dogs in religion and superstition

In a so-called "mystic" hymn the gods, confounded, both sacrificed with a dog and sacrificed variously with limbs of a cow.<sup>815</sup> The heavenly dog in AV 6,80,1 and 3, who is born from the waters and looks down on all beings, may be the moon.

For the  $\bar{A}$ surī Dīrgha-jihvī in RV IX 101,1 see above under 3.1.3. A dog-demon *maņdākaka* is found in later Vedic literature,<sup>816</sup> and in tantric Buddhism there is a dog-faced goddess Śvānâsyā, who belongs

- 810 Puspadanta, Jasah. 2,31,5 pingala-vilola-bhāsura-ņayaņu bahu-sūara-kulaghanghala-vayaņu.
- 811 The dogs' white teeth much impressed the Indians, see above under 2.4.
- 812 nirmāmsâsyah kapila-nayanah sv-alpa-tīkṣnâgra-karnah kukṣi-kṣāmah pṛthula-jaghanah pūrna-vakṣah-pradeśah | dugdha-snigdha-pratanu-daśanah sārameyo mahîśām ākheṭāya prajava-caranah kimcid-ābhugna-vālah. || (Yaśastilaka V p. 187,4ff.). See also Sundaracharya, 1927: 73–76 and J.C. Jain 2004: 454, 458, 478.
- 813 Simhah sukham nivasatād ... gato 'yam adhunā nanu viśvakadruh (Handiqui 1949: 165).
- 814 Handiqui 1949: 164.
- 815 AV 7,5,5 with Whitney's translation.
- 816 Sharma 1959-60: 223.

to the retinue of Hevajra and Kālacakra. She guards the western gate in the Maṇḍala of Hevajra and others, and is always represented as fierce.<sup>817</sup>

Bhairon and Ksetrapāla are Śivaitic guardian divinities;<sup>818</sup> the former is seen on a picture as a black man with his left foot on the dark back of a light-coloured running dog with a black tail tip.<sup>819</sup> Dog ascetics are known from the Pāli canon, but in the Tipiṭaka nothing is said about the doctrine of these "cynics". We only read of a naked *kṣatriya* (nick)named Kora ('Bandylegs'), who "was wont to behave like a dog, walking on all fours or sprawling on the ground and taking up food, whether hard or soft, only with his mouth."<sup>820</sup> The Buddha talking to his renegate follower Sunakkhatta predicts that Kora will be reborn as a Kālakañja, a lowly Asura.<sup>821</sup>

Another naked canine ascetic (*kukkura-vatika*) was Seniya, about whose bourn the bovine ascetic Punna asks the Buddha, who reluctantly tells him that the canine practice leads either to companionship with dogs (*kukkurānam sahabyatam*) or to the Niraya hell.<sup>822</sup> Men barking like dogs are mentioned in Basavanna 568; and at Dharwār, on the fair day of the Dasahra at Malahāri's temple, the Vaggayya ministrants dress in blue woollen coats and meet, with bell and skins tied around their middles, the pilgrims barking and howling like dogs. Each Vaggayya has a wooden bowl into which the pilgrims put milk and plantains. Then the Vaggayya lay down the bowls, fight with each other like dogs, and putting their mouths into the bowls, eat the contents.<sup>823</sup> Parading the speech of dogs, as these ascetics do, is not a lucky sign.<sup>824</sup> Their time was past in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, though there are still Khaṇdobā devotees behaving like dogs,<sup>825</sup> but one could imagine

- 823 Crooke 1896: II 220-1.
- 824 Basavanna 567.
- 825 Sontheimer 1981–4: 6; 1997: 53 where the author says he saw devotees of Birappa/ Birobā in Andhra ritually drink milk like dogs, bark and bite each other, and imitate canine copulation.

<sup>817</sup> Mallmann 1986: 363 f.

<sup>818</sup> Fischer / Jain / Shah 1982:107.

<sup>819</sup> Glasenapp 1922: opp. p. 40 (no source given).

<sup>820</sup> T. W Rhys Davids on Dīghanikāya III 6,9ff.

<sup>821</sup> About these see Whitney's note on his translation of AV viii 80,2.

<sup>822</sup> Majjhimanikāya I 387,11 ff.; cf. Nettippakaraņa 99,9.

them to look like a caricature of Vaishnavite (?) ascetics from the Pahari school.<sup>826</sup> Marie-Louise von Franz, the Jungian psychologist, remarks about them: "*Considéré du point de vue de la psychologie moderne, un homme qui se comporte comme un animal, n'est pas en harmonie avec ses instincts.*"<sup>827</sup> In an abstract sense Buddhaghosa lets heretics behave like dogs when, in causing ill to cease and showing its cessation, they concern themselves not with the cause, but with the effect,<sup>828</sup> just as when, hit with a stick, they bite the latter instead of the man who hit them.

Dogs  $(s\bar{a}na)$  are among the eleven mnemonics which protect a  $s\bar{a}dhu$  against harming the six categories of living beings.<sup>829</sup> According to BĀU 6,1,14 everything extant up to dogs and worms is the food of the vital force.<sup>830</sup> The idol of a deity looses its *śakti* when touched by a dog.<sup>831</sup> A dog or a cart may not pass between the Gārhapatya and the Āhavanīya fire.<sup>832</sup> A black dog is sacrificed to the Rākṣasas.<sup>833</sup> Also BrahmāPur 93,8 mentions a sacrifice of dog flesh. Even nowadays a young Kañcavīra, who is the dog of Mailāra, sacrifices himself to his god, the "Lord of the Horses" (*haya-pati*), tying himself to the god by passing a rope through his leg. The ritual thus seems to be related to Rudra.<sup>834</sup> In younger texts the youth, as the dog, is no longer the scapegoat, but an actual dog is killed.<sup>835</sup> When Viśvamitra, in a famine, took a haunch of dog's flesh from a *candāla* and had it prepared by his wife, it started to rain.<sup>836</sup> The critical edition eliminated the *aindrâgneya* rites and the sacrifice of the dog's

- 828 Visuddhimagga 507,9ff. suvāna-vuttino pana titthiyā te dukkham nirodhentā dukkha-nirodham ca desentā atta-kilamathânuyoga-desanâdīhi phale paţipajjanti, na hetumhi.
- 829 OhaNijjutti 388 (s. Mette 1974: 35).
- 830 Yad idam kimcâ śvabhya ā krmibhyah ...., tat te 'nnam (prānasya).
- 831 Abbott 1932: 443.
- 832 Krick 1982: 286 note 717.
- 833 Keith 1925: 324 < MaitrāyaņīS 3,14,21. Renou / Filliozat § 700. In Rām 5,15,24 rākşasas are compared to dogs when Hanumān sees Sītā paśyantīm rākşasī-gaņam | śva-gaņena mrgīm hīnām śva-gaņenâvŗtīm iva.
- 834 Sontheimer 1997: 136.
- 835 Falk 1986: 160ff., esp. 162; Iyer 1977: 3.
- 836 Mbh (Poona, 1932) 12,141,97. In the cr.ed. it is 12,139,90.

<sup>826</sup> Leach 1982: 173 (fig. 275).

<sup>827</sup> M.-L. von Franz 1981: 91.

flesh for the deities and ancestors in the older version. These rites appear to explain the reason for the rain, probably because a dog is unfit for ordinary sacrifice<sup>837</sup> or, if it was a black dog, for "the nature of rain is black," <sup>838</sup> and black, the colour of Śūdras, is the dog's true colour.<sup>839</sup>

Dog demons occur since RV and AV. In RV 7, 104, 22 Indra, Soma and other deities are asked to smash the Śva-yātus as a millstone crushes the grain; Geldner takes them to be magicians in the shape of a (wild) dog. In AV viii 6,6 "the brown *bajá* has the after-snuffling, fore-feeling and the much-licking flesh-eater, the niggards, the dogkişkins made to disappear." <sup>840</sup> The female doglike ones are unspecified.<sup>841</sup> Bhūts and Piśācas manifest themselves as black dogs.<sup>842</sup> Other ones are Túla, Vítūla (EWAia), Sīsara, Sīsarama and Sukurkura (MW). The brahmin, who in Pañcat 3,129 carries a goat which tricksters want him to believe is a dog, thinks the animal to be a dog-demon.<sup>843</sup> As such, a sorcerer interrupts the sacrifice in AV viii 4,20. When a dog passes between teacher and pupil, a three day's fast and a journey are prescribed.<sup>844</sup> For dogs believed to cause diseases see under 3.6. (cynotherapy).

#### **3.5.1** Dogs of the gods

Three deities of old have a dog: Indra and Rudra / Śiva; Yama even has two,<sup>845</sup> of which more later. Saramā is Indra's bitch in RV

- 839 Śārngadhara-paddhati (14<sup>th</sup> C.E.) 83, 13 f., see White in Lopez 1995: 290.
- 840 Whitney. Anujighrám pramýšántam kravyádam utá reriham aráyām chvakişkíno bajáh pingó anīnašat. Some, according to MW, take śva-k° to mean 'having the tail of a dog.' Bajá, according to Zysk 1998: 51 note 31, may be white pepper, or, on p. 169, mustard. The origin is not clear (EWAia).
- 841 AV 13,36,6 śvanvatī warded off with the śatávāra.
- 842 Enthoven 1916: 132. For a black dog representing evil and the devil as a seductor see Stekel 1922: 137 note 1).
- 843 In Edgerton's edition: p. 316,7 śva-rūpī rākṣasaḥ.

845 At TaittBr 1,1,2,6 ~ Kāţh 8,1 they are Asuras, at MS 1,6,9 Yama-śvā. – Schlerath 1954:37 against Bloomfield 1893:164.

<sup>837</sup> Keith 1925: 324.

<sup>838</sup> J. Gonda, *Die Religionen Indiens I*. Stuttgart, 1978: 112 on Kauśikasūtra 40,1,1–7 (no reference given).

<sup>844</sup> GautamaGS 1,59.

10,108,2; in Mbh, as we have seen above under 2.6, she has a whelp. The dog, of whom Indrāņī says: "The dog, eager after boars, should rightly bite dear Vṛṣākapi on his ear, (Vṛṣākapi) whom you, Indra, stand up for ...." is unspecified.<sup>846</sup>

In Jātaka IV 183,12\* the dog Kaņha 'Blacky' is found.<sup>847</sup> He is Indra's charioteer Mātali in disguise. In the shape of a renouncer named Śunaḥ-sakha 'friend of dogs', Indra kills the female demon Yātu-dhānī, <sup>848</sup> and in the SkandaPur he is even called 'dogface'.<sup>849</sup> In the guise of a dog, Śakra demands food from a miser,<sup>850</sup> and as a Mātaṅga, Indra is hunting with a pack of dogs (see under 3.1.2).

In AV 11, 9,15 nymphs are said to have canine company (*śvanvatīr apsarasaḥ*), and so is Dharma as an ascetic<sup>851</sup>, whereas in Mbh 2,61,51 he disguises himself as a *yakṣa* and a dog.<sup>852</sup> Dattātreya, a partial incarnation of Viṣṇu, has four dogs <sup>853</sup> at his feet representing the four Vedas.<sup>854</sup> Agni can appear as a dog.<sup>855</sup> Śiva Bhairava is called Śvâśva 'whose mount is a dog' (MW). Today, Śiva-Khaṇdobā is a lord of dogs, has a dog with him,<sup>856</sup> who arose from the Sāmaveda and forever stays at Śiva's gate.<sup>857</sup> Khaṇdobā's Dhangar wife Banai, too, has a dog who follows her<sup>858</sup> and Cāmuṇḍā's dog appears

- 850 Chavannes 1910: A 372.
- 851 MārkPur 8,83 (śva-gaņâbhivṛta).
- 852 Cf. Mbh 17,3,16 where a dog turns into Dharma (Hiltebeitel 2001: 256; 272). In Rām 7,18,5 Dharma is a crow.
- 853 MārkPur 17,6 et passim.
- 854 Wadiyar 1957: xii "... the four dogs ... represent the four Vedas which follow at the feet of the Lord as hounds of heaven and watch-dogs of truth, owned by Dattātreya, the Great Hunter for the souls of men"; Saletore 1985: 356.
- 855 Hiltebeitel 2001: 266.
- 856 E.g., VāmanaPur, Saromah. 27,2. Sontheimer 1989: 197; 1995: 249 where the dog is a *vāghyā*. See further 3.5.1.
- 857 Mārtaņda Vijaya 34.50. The Sāmaveda is sacred to the ancestors and has therefore to do with death (Sontheimer 1997: 53).
- 858 Enthoven 1924: 216.

<sup>846</sup> RV 10,86,4.

<sup>847</sup> This is a name, not just an epithet, according to Jātaka IV 181,26 kāļavaņņam Mahā-kaņha-sunakham katvā. Cf. supra, p. 72.

<sup>848</sup> Mbh 13,95,49.

<sup>849</sup> Śuno-mukha (SkandaPur 6,32,62 ff.).

at Siddhêśvara's temple in Haveri (Dharvar district).<sup>859</sup> Later, under the name of Khaṇdobā, he has even two (see under 3.1.3). This deity also assumes the shape of a dog and bites such people as abuse his devotees.<sup>860</sup> In Pali, hunters seek his blessing.<sup>861</sup> Khaṇdobā as King Mārtaṇḍa has 700 dogs; Mallanna's army consists of seven dogs.<sup>862</sup>

In his rule 6.4.133 about the declension of masculine nouns in -an. Pānini, who often refers to dogs, connects *śvan*, *vuvan* and *Maghavan*, an epithet of Indra. As to this, Padhye quotes a *tristubh* by an unnamed poet who, noting Pānini's apparent ignorance of the Rgveda, wonders at his associating the god with a dog: "Women string glass and gold beads into a necklace, (an action) which is not, however, to be wondered at, for do we not find Pānini putting together a dog, a voung man and Indra ?"<sup>863</sup> Sakka, as Indra is mostly called in Pāli. transforms his charioteer Mātali into a black dog to punish men.864 Yama's dogs serve as  $\psi v \chi o \pi o \mu \pi o i$  and guards on the way to the hereafter. Thus the poet says to the dead man: "Run past the two sarameic dogs, the four-eyed and spotted ones, on the right path and reach the ancestors ....", but in the next stanza: "I entrust him to your two dogs, Yama, the four-eyed ones who guard the path ...."865 As food (and bribe) for them, and thus protection against them, a pinda<sup>866</sup> is laid down for them <sup>867</sup> or a cow's kidneys, which are associated with sun and moon, dark and light, are placed into the hands of a dead person.868

- 860 Sontheimer 1989: 308.
- 861 Sontheimer 1997: 107.
- 862 Sontheimer 1997: 122.
- 863 Kācam maņim kāncanam eka-sūtre mugdhā nibadhnanti. Kim atra citram / vicāravān Pāņinir eka-sūtre śvānam yuvānam Maghavānam āha ? (Padhye 1932–9: 265).
- 864 Jātaka IV 181,22f.
- 865 RV 10,14,10f.
- 866 AgniPur 234, 25; Jātaka VI 247,16\*. For ancient parallels see Hommel 1916. – For the protection cf. RV 2,14,10f.
- 867 Cf. the honey cake for Kerberos the ancient Greeks used to give the dead in his grave, so that he might safely reach the Hades (Lurker 1969: 207).
- 868 Caland 1896: 54f.; Schlerath 1938: 35; Casimir forthcoming.

<sup>859</sup> Handiqui 1949: 397.

#### 3.5.2 Cynomantics

The interpretation of signs is found as early as the Vedic period. Thus, as Baudhāyana says, if a dog touches the prsadājya (oblation of curdled butter), the sacrificer's cattle will perish,<sup>869</sup> because butter is a dairy product. Yet dogs are not to be used in portending during their mating period, Bhādrapada (Aug.-Sep.).<sup>870</sup>

One should not choose to live at a place where at night many dogs loudly howl and do not leave, when hit.<sup>871</sup> It is a prediction of destruction through famine when many crows, rats, cats, dogs, etc., are seen, the animals apparently being unable to find their food elsewhere. <sup>872</sup> A dog scratching the wall portends burglary.<sup>873</sup> Thus there is a logical relation between the omen and the prediction, which is not always visible as, e.g., when (in a dream) a woman delivers a dog, harvest and property will be destroyed.<sup>874</sup> Seeing a dog urinate in front of a traveller portends danger, whereas it is auspicious when the animal does so against sacred plants, etc., behind him.<sup>875</sup> In southern India, a dog barking on the roof of a house during the dry weather portends an epidemic, and in the wet season a heavy fall of rain.<sup>876</sup> The omen also signifies the death of several members of the family, so the dog's ears and tail are cut off,<sup>877</sup> and rice is steeped in the blood.<sup>878</sup>

- 871 AVPar 27.5 (Kohlbrugge 1938: 123). Cf. Crooke II 1896: 222 citing Shakespeare (Boston, 1997) *3 Henry VI*, V, vi, 44–46:
  "The owl shriek'd at thy birth, an evil sign; The night-crow cried, aboding luckless time; Dogs howl'd and hideous tempests shook down trees" (p.c. Professor K.P. Jochum).
- 872 AVPar 28.3; cf. Negelein 1912: 209.
- 873 Thurston 1912: 57.
- 874 AVPar 71,7,5. In Egypt such a woman will obtain a male child (Volten 1942: 99); in Babylon the child will look like the animal (Stol / Wiggermann 2000: 160).
- 875 AgniPur 232,19 (wrongly translated in Dange 1986: 95). See also VarBrS 89,1.
- 876 VarBrS 28,9f.; cf. Abbott 1932: 419.
- 877 For cropping a dog's tail in Roman antiquity see Peters 1998: 177.
- 878 Thurston 1912: 57.

<sup>869</sup> Dandekar 1958: 874.

<sup>870</sup> VarBrS 85,27.

Many texts as, e.g. the Atharvaveda-Pariśista 70f., Agnipurāna 232, Matsvapurāna 241, Vasanta-rāja-śākuna 18 (p. 85), Varāhamihira's Brhatsamhitā 89, Ristasamuccaya and Svapna-cintāmani deal with or contain passages on omina: the Sana-ruva deals with the prediction of the future by the interpretation of dogs' barking.<sup>879</sup> Thus the sacrificer, gone out of the village after the Sabali-homa, should shout three times *sabali* ('spotted cow') .... If any animal other than a dog or an ass answers by howling or crying he should know his sacrifice to be fruitful.<sup>880</sup> Sneezing animals as well as humans should be avoided by all.<sup>881</sup> Sometimes the interpretations of similar omina seem to contradict each other, e.g. an oncoming dog with a piece of shoe leather augurs success<sup>882</sup>, but should a man on his way to a temple see a dog chewing a shoe, he cannot enter the temple till he has taken a bath.<sup>883</sup> Several omina mentioned in Varāhamihira (6th cent. C.E.) were still actual, when Abbott wrote in 1932: 419. Thus a dog entering a house with a dry bone warns the inhabitant of a great danger,<sup>884</sup> in BrhS 89,1 even of his death. This would also occur when a dog comes with a burning stick, which of course is absurd in reality; other omina in the texts seem just as improbable, esp. the bad luck, if a dog devours the dreamer.<sup>885</sup> Some omina will come through in a very remote period: the 10<sup>th</sup> inauspicious dream of Bharata in the Digambara tradition is a dog eating *naivedya* (sacrificial food), which portends that people in the 5<sup>th</sup> world period will respect bad brahmins,<sup>886</sup> and it is an evil omen, when dogs enjoy the baliofferings in front of the houses.<sup>887</sup> The colour of the dog in signs is seldom indicated, but to meet a black dog in the morning is bad.888

- 879 A MS hereof is in the Pāțan Bhaņdār (Jain 1981: 149). Hearing a dog's bark in a dream portends misfortune (Enthoven 1914: 104; 1924: 245; Sternbach 6692).
- 880 PVB 21,3,5; LāţyŚS (Delhi, 1998) 9,8,16.
- 881 Ristasamuccaya 149 haya-gaya-go-manuānam sānāînam tu chikkiyam ettha / vajjejja savva loe.
- 882 AgniPur 232,18; Thurston 1912: 57.
- 883 Abbott 1932: 419.
- 884 AgniPur 232,17, cf. VarBrS 89,1d.
- 885 Negelein 1912: 215.
- 886 Glasenapp 1926: 343.
- 887 Rāmāyaņa 6,35,29 grhāņām bali-karmāni śvānah paryupasevate.
- 888 Abbott 1932: 276.

The Pāli word *sā-cakka*, an occupation of brahmin youths, may pertain to augury from the barking (?) of dogs.<sup>889</sup> The reader may further be referred to White's paper "Predicting the future with Dogs".

# 3.5.3 Magic

Practices of this kind start very early in India. Thus in AV iv 5,2 the wind is asked to make all the women and all the dogs sleep. If śváyātu means 'dog-sorcerer' (Whitney) these are said in AV viii 4,20 to try to harm Indra, the unharmable. In a rite of rain magic the sorcerer hangs up the heads of a dog and a ram, (human) hair and a pair of old shoes from the top of the main beam of the house, and bumps them into each other while softly reciting AV iv,15 or vii 18.890 Caland in a note compares this bumping together with a custom at Ahmadnagar "where on the bright 3<sup>rd</sup> of Baiśākh (April-May) the boys of two neighbouring villages fight with slings and stones ....<sup>891</sup> A good fight is supposed to cause abundant rain," but does not explain the possibly apotropaeic function of the animal heads, the human hair and the old shoes.<sup>892</sup> For a dog sacrifice to obtain rain see under 3.5 supra, p. 94. In order to stop rain a dog in Kumaon has hot oil poured into his left ear. When Indra hears the poor animal howl with pain he stops the rain out of pity.893

Inauspicious animals like dogs, cats, owls, etc. are believed to have the evil **eye**.<sup>894</sup> Sacrifices seen by a dog are faulty and taken away by

- 891 Crooke continues: "The local belief is that, if the fight be discontinued, rain fails, or if rain falls that ...."
- 892 Is it an apotropaeic gesture against drought caused by demons ? (Bollée 1984: 259).
- 893 Crooke 1896: I 77; Frazer 1922: 75.
- 894 See Abbott 1934: 117 and, for the association of envy and evil eye, Dundes 1981: 136 [Pitrè's article: *crepa la 'nvidia, e scatta 'u malocchiu*], 201 ff. [Pocock's art.] and 257 ff. [Dundes' own art.], esp. 269 f.); Bonner 1950: 96 f. To be looked at by a dog in a dream portends insanity (Negelein 1912:

<sup>889</sup> Milindapañha 178,21.

<sup>890</sup> KauśS 41,6. Caland 1900: 141, where Crooke is referred to as "Crooke 43,44", apparently used the 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Allahabad, 1894, which was not available to me, but in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (I, p. 73) the sentence "A good fight, etc." cannot be found.

demons.<sup>895</sup> Food looked at by a dog should not be eaten,<sup>896</sup> but if a burra quantity of sacrificial viands has been defiled by dogs, etc., only that portion should be thrown away, and the rest, sprinkled with water can be used after the recitation of certain mantras over it.<sup>897</sup> Thieves believe themselves invisible when, after fasting three days, they smear their eyes on the *puṣya* day with the separately pulverized right and left eyes of a dog, a cat, an owl and a flying fox.<sup>898</sup>

The Mundas believe that marrying off a young girl, just when her permanent teeth appear, makes her immune to attacks by animals. Thus a five-year old girl, Kuni, was married to a dog at Munda Sahi, a village near Bhubaneshwar, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Rituals were performed and people feasted to their heart's content. In keeping with their beliefs, the bride's mother Laxmi got some vermilion, into which Raghunath Munda's dog dug its paw, and daubed the red powder on the little girl's forehead. That done, the family made arrangements for the "dowry". The bridegroom went through the motions with a perplexed look, while there was much rejoicing on the bride's side.<sup>899</sup>

302). Seligmann 1922: 155. Casimir forth-coming. For the evil eye being singular see Dundes 1981: 286.

- 895 Mbh 17,3,12 *śunā dṛṣṭaṃ krodha-vaśā haranti yad dattam iṣṭam .... hutam.* MārkPur 32,22 and 26; cf. 34,56 and 50,45. See also ĀpDhS 2,7,17,20a dog should not look at the offerings of a funeral rite.
- 896 ĀpGS 1,5,16,30.
- 897 BaudhDhS 1,6,14,15.
- 898 Kauțilya 14,3,6f.
- 899 *The Times of India*, April 08, 2005 (http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/ articleshow/msid/-1072041,curpg-1.cms), while *The Telegraph* (Calcutta) of the same date gives some different details: "The marriage ceremony was facilitated by Utkal Bikash Mancha, a non-governmental organization which works among tribals in the state. Justifying the marriage, an office-bearer of the NGO said they were trying to preserve the primitive culture of the tribals through the ceremony. after her birth, Kuni developed some "abnormality" in the growth of her teeth and the tradition in the tribal-dominated slum cluster in Palasuni ordained that she undergo the ritual. "If a girl's first tooth appears in the upper gum, she is believed to be in danger of being killed by a carnivorous animal. It can be warded off only if the girl marries a dog" said Naveen Munda, the father of the girl, adding, "our community will allow the girl to remarry a tribal boy after growing up. But for now, I had to conduct the marriage to save my daughter"" (http://www.telegraphindia.com/ 1050408/asp/nation/story\_4589377.asp). (p.c. O. v. Criegern M. A.).

Similarly, in West-Bengal in the Santal village of Khanyhan 60 km from Calcutta the nine year old girl Karnamoni Handsa who had a tooth rooted to her upper gum, which is considered a bad omen, had to be married on 11 June to the stray dog Bacchan to ward off the evil spell. "According to the tribe elders the marriage would not affect the girl's life, and that she would be free to marry again later and did not need to divorce the dog." The girl promised to take care of the dog who survives on left-overs.<sup>900</sup> For a dog-bride with the Santals see S.C. Mitra 1928 and 1929.

Against dogbite a piece of ground dogbone is mixed with water and, by way of sympathetic magic, smeared as a paste on the wound;<sup>901</sup> or one wears an old copper coin on the wound.<sup>902</sup> In an enumeration of occult sciences,  $sov\bar{a}g\bar{i}$  is mentioned, the art of  $\dot{s}va$  $p\bar{a}kas$ .<sup>903</sup> We have seen above some cases of sympathetic magic.

Similarly, in the Central Provinces, in order to stunt the growth of a dog the animal is passed through a ring made of the cloth, *chambāl* (? cf.Pkt. cumbhala, Pāli cumbata), which is generally placed on the head when carrying loads.<sup>904</sup> A dog's milk, used in a mixture of the root of a vellakuthi plant, which was grown on the ashes of a dog's head, and the bones of a cat, with which a mark on the forehead is made, will enable a person to assume the form of any animal he thinks of.<sup>905</sup> "The Paniyans of the Madras Presidency believe that some of them can assume the form of animals and that, if any one of these sorcerers is desirous of .... a woman ...., he must pay a visit to her house at night with a hollow bamboo and goes round her dwelling place thrice. She is believed to come out thereafter and the sorcerer, changing himself into a bull or a dog, carries out his wicked purpose (of violating a woman). In such a case, it is believed that the outraged woman will die in the course of two or three days." 906 In order to chase away a wild dog, a traveller in Kanara used to take a twig of a tree

<sup>900</sup> AFP report in the http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\_asia/3004930.stm on 22. 7. 2005.

<sup>901</sup> Abbott 1932: 59.

<sup>902</sup> Thurston 1912: 196.

<sup>903</sup> Sūyagada (Lādnām, 1975) 2,2,18,50; K. Mitra 1939: 179 f.

<sup>904</sup> Pedlow 1902: 291. For the Indian words see further CDIAL 4869.

<sup>905</sup> Thurston 1912: 260.

<sup>906</sup> S. C. Mitra 1905: 343.

and, without looking back, pointed it in any direction he wished and said to the dog: "Go in that direction and seek your prey." <sup>907</sup> Dogs passing by should be given some morsels of food against their evil eye,<sup>908</sup> but in such a way that the food does not drop on the ground.<sup>909</sup>

By magic a mischievous brahmin who mocks at a Vāghyā (Khaņdobā's bard) turns into a dog and bites people.<sup>910</sup>

# 3.5.4 Reincarnation as a dog (sunahattana)<sup>911</sup>

Evil-smelling karman as, e.g., seduction of the wife of one's *guru* <sup>912</sup> or *upādhyāya* <sup>913</sup>; pride of birth<sup>914</sup>; slandering one's guru<sup>915</sup>; miserliness<sup>916</sup>; gluttony,<sup>917</sup> or talking to heterodox people<sup>918</sup> leads to rebirth in the evil-smelling womb of a bitch, a sow or a *cāṇḍālī*<sup>919</sup>; rarely also doggish fidelity to one's husband or extreme virtuousness causes a canine reincarnation.<sup>920</sup> In the introduction to the Kukkura-jātaka it only says that the Bodhisatta was reborn a dog because of his having

- 908 Abbott 1932: 130.
- 909 Abbott 1932: 154.
- 910 Sontheimer 1997: 144.
- 911 HarivamśaPur ed. Alsdorf (Hamburg, 1936) 91,5,2.
- 912 Mbh 13,112,47 guror bhāryā yah śiṣyo yāti pāpa-krt ... śva-yonau tu sa sambhūtah. In GarudaPur 217, 19 the guru-talpa becomes a śūkara, the deceiver of an upādhyāya, however, is reborn a dog in vs 13. In MārkPur 15,2 the guru-talpa will become a dog.
- 913 MārkPur 15,2. Cf. Mbh 13,112,46 where it says only pāpam kuryād.
- 914 Mbh 13,104,16 śvānam vai pāpinam pašya vivarņam hariņam kršam atimānena bhūtānām imām gatim upāgatam; Kathākośaprakaraņa 129,30ff. (see above sub 2.3); Haribhadra, Samar. 42,11.
- 915 Manu 2,201. Cf. Sternbach 7603.
- 916 For the story of Todeyya see above under 2.6.
- 917 Dhp-a I 171,6 of a herdsman who died from overeating and was reborn in his bitch. The lay-person who eats food given to the Buddhist order in Śrī Lankā will suffer the same fate (Gombrich 1991: 142 note 44).
- 918 King Śatadhanu suffered this fate by politely talking to heretics (ViṣṇuPur 3,18) which the various denominations disapproved of.
- 919 ChUp 5,10,7 ya iha kapūya-caraņā abhyāśo ha yat, te kapūyāņ yonim āpadyeran śva-yonim vā sūkara-yonim vā caņdāla-yonim vā.
- 920 KSS 13,1,135 *eṣā tu śīlam evâikaṃ rarakṣâjñānatas tadā* l *tena śva-yonau patitā* ... In Kathāratnâkara 494,10 a woman in love with a monk is reborn as a bitch and even then dogs the monk everywhere.

<sup>907</sup> Abbott 1932: 325.

acted accordingly.<sup>921</sup> In the Ālu Kurumba Rāmāyaņa one can be cursed to become a dog as Yama did to Bhuvaneśa<sup>922</sup> or to become a woman.<sup>923</sup> The physical state of a dog: unhappy, wan, pale and lean may betray his human pre-birth.<sup>924</sup> Reincarnation occurs independent of gender or socio-religious status. Thus the princess Candramatī was reborn a dog<sup>925</sup>, a herdsman as a bitch<sup>926</sup>; a dog can be reborn a princess,<sup>927</sup> a Buddhist monk and even an *arhat*,<sup>928</sup> and there is a tradition of Kṛṣṇa's *avatāra* as Khaṇḍobā's dog.<sup>929</sup> Haribhadra recounts the story of a slanderer gone to hell and then reborn a hound.<sup>930</sup>

One can also dream of reincarnation as a dog, as happened to king Hariścandra in consequence of a curse by Viśvamitra.<sup>931</sup> Often a series of rebirths takes place in the animal kingdom, and in the other world a *kokila* can become a dog.<sup>932</sup> Thus the bird with the beautiful voice becomes an animal with an ugly one.<sup>933</sup>

### 3.5.5 Canine cult

For this, neolithic burials are not very meaningful<sup>934</sup> and few sources in ancient literature are available, as, e.g., in the Śatarudriya: "Homage to the dogs and homage to the dog-owners !" <sup>935</sup> In the Iranian Vīdēvdāt, a four-eyed dog is sent on the way used to carry away a corpse, in order to chase off the corpse-witch, who later symbolized

- 921 *Tathā-rūpam kammam pațicca* (Ja I 175,6). No ground is given either for the same rebirth of queen Jasoharā in Haribhadra, *Samar*. 253,11.
- 922 Adbhuta-rāmāyaņa VI (Grierson 1926-8: 19).
- 923 Kapp 1989: 126.
- 924 Mbh cr.ed. 13,104,16 śvānam vai pāpinam paśya vivarņam hariņam krśam.
- 925 Rāņī vi pavaņņī suņaham bhau (Puspadanta, Jasah. 2,31,7), cf. Haribhadra, Samar. 253,111 Jasoharā ... kukkurī-gabbhammi uvavannā jāo ya kukkuro.
- 926 Vide note 917.
- 927 Chavannes 1910: C 221 ff. a dog daily received some food from an arhat and was reborn a princess, who in her turn daily gave alms to hundreds of monks.
- 928 Chavannes 1910 nos 446, 485 and 97 resp.
- 929 Hiltebeitel 1989: 278.
- 930 Samarâicchakahā 97,16 āheduga-suņaya.
- 931 MārkPur 8,144.
- 932 Sūyagadacuņņi 76,5 para-loke kokilaś ca paribhaţthau saddha-suņayo jāo.
- 933 Hemavijaya, Kathāratnâkara no 46 § 3.
- 934 Gupta 1972: 87 f.
- 935 VājasaneyiSamhitā 16,28. See Falk 1986: 18.

the contamination by corpses.<sup>936</sup> This may be one of the starting points of the dog cult of the Median Magi, beside *sagdīd*, by which a dog, made to look at a corpse, is thought to protect against the contamination,<sup>937</sup> and the near equation of dogs and men.<sup>938</sup> In India, as the SkandaPur 9,32 states, a lamp is lit for Yama's dogs,<sup>939</sup> and in the AgniPur 264,25 a *piņḍa* is offered to Śyāma and Śabala with a mantra in order to protect the sacrificer.

At the Bhairava festival the participants ride on the back of sheasses and lift up dogs.<sup>940</sup> In Nepal, the tutelary deity of which is Bhairava, dogs are worshipped on the second day of Tihar or  $D\bar{1}v\bar{a}l\bar{1}$ . "To honour the dog on his special day means that the gate-keeper of Death's kingdom may ease the soul's passage into the Netherworld to receive Yama's judgment. The red *tika*, a mark of blessing, is placed on dogs's foreheads, their necks are garlanded with flowers and they are fed like kings for a day." <sup>941</sup>

In a different cult we have grave monuments for the dog of King Sāhū (3.1.2 [p. 66]) and, e.g., at Lohāru (Punjab), one to the Thākur chief's dog, "which is credited with having done noble service in battle, springing up and seizing the wounded warriors' throats, many of whom it slew. Finally it was killed and buried on the spot with beat of drum, and has since been an object of worship and homage."<sup>942</sup> A state burial was also given to a beloved dog in Haribhadra.<sup>943</sup>

- 938 Kammenhuber 1958: 302 f.; Mary Boyce, Dog in Zoroastrianism, in: www.cais-soas.com/CAIS/Animals/ dog\_zoroastrian.htm (p.c. Dr Mrs Shing Mueller).
- 939 Meyer 1937: II 24.
- 940 Meyer 1937: I 183.
- 941 Meyer 1937: II 215 (dogs worshipped on the first day); Anderson 1971: 164 and 166.
- 942 Crooke 1896: II 220.
- 943 Samarâiccakahā 255,8 kālâyaru-lavanga-candaņa-kaţihehim mahanto sakkāro kao.

<sup>936</sup> Krick 1972: 34. Cf. Bendann 1930; 122 f.; Willman-Grabowska 1931: 41.

<sup>937</sup> Seligmann 1922: 456. Crooke 1906: 147 quoting Dosabhai Framji writes that the Parsis of his time seemed to be half ashamed of the rite. Apastamba-DhS 2,7,17,20 opines a funeral rite to be useless, if a dog throws its (evil) eye on the offerings, also MārkPur 32,22 and VāyuPur 78,38. – A black dog looked on when Sontheimer's ashes were dropped into the river Nira near Jejuri in 1992.

A regular hero stone with inscription was erected in Western Ganga in the  $10^{\text{th}}$  cent. as a memorial for a dog which had fought and killed a tiger before he died himself.944 Such monuments are also found elsewhere, e.g. in Mantua where Giulio Romano created a tomb for Federico II Gonzaga's longlegged bitch, which had expired while giving birth to a litter of puppies in the first quarter of the 16<sup>th</sup> century; stones with the names of eleven greyhounds of king Frederick the Great of Prussia mark their graves in the park of the Sanssouci castle near Potsdam, and, in Edinburgh, John Gray's skyeterrier Bobby, which guarded its master's grave for 14 years since 1858 and was given a lifesize statue by the baroness Burdett-Coutts in 1872.945 In the Atakur inscription of 949 C.E. Manalara is stated to have made a gift of land in memory of a hound which had attacked and killed a boar, but died itself in the fight.<sup>946</sup> A dog can be seen behind a peacock on a small frieze on the xenotaph of mahārāna Sangram Singh in Udaipur.947

Another kind of cult is performed at the Kurkurī-tīrtha on the river Narmadā, where a bitch is worshipped as a deity,<sup>948</sup> and in the temple of Dattātreya dogs are worshipped.<sup>949</sup> Elwin quoting Cain relates that a brahmin, who had killed a dog many years ago, built a temple, made an image of a dog, and daily worshipped it.<sup>950</sup>

Traditionally the Vaggayyas of Mailāra and the Vāghyās of Khaņdobā in Mahārāṣṭra worship dogs because they descend from Khaṇdobā's dog<sup>951</sup> and Khaṇdobā may himself appear as a dog.<sup>952</sup> The Kois who belong to the Gonds, worship wild, undomesticated, preferably black dogs, even if they kill cattle.<sup>953</sup> Guhyakas walk the

- 951 Stanley 1987: 67.
- 952 Sontheimer 1997: 238.
- 953 Sontheimer 1997: 122.

<sup>944</sup> Sivaramamurti 1974: 22 and plate 49.

<sup>945</sup> Baedeker Schottland. Ostfildern, 2005: 278.

<sup>946</sup> Handiqui 1949: 123.

<sup>947</sup> Handiqui 1949: 165. See also above under 3.1.1. – For Greek dirges in stone on dogs see Merkelbach 2004.

<sup>948</sup> Skandapurāņa 3,205,2 ff. The place is not even in S. Kapoor's *Encyclopaedia of Ancient Indian Geography* (New Delhi, 2002).

<sup>949</sup> Enthoven 1924: 216.

<sup>950</sup> Elwin 1954: 367 note 1 < J. Cain in Indian Antiquary IV (1875) 196f.

earth in the shape of *yakṣas* (NisīhaBh 4427), which the *cuṇṇi* explains as dogs.<sup>954</sup>

As stated above in 3.1.7, the rude inhabitants of Lādha let loose dogs against Mahāvīra. The original inhabitants of this area, the low-caste Bauris, have a dog as their totem.<sup>955</sup> On a rock at the northern point of ŚrīLańkā,<sup>956</sup> and in Indochina, even a dog's (and a tiger's) footprint was worshipped.<sup>957</sup>

#### 3.6 Cynotherapy

As in ancient Greece,<sup>958</sup> healing powers are attributed to dogs also in India. Earth which was walked upon by a dog and on which AV vi 80 is recited, is rubbed into the affected side of a hemiplegic patient; then the lame side is fumigated by a coal fire in which one of the dog's lice is thrown, while the hymn is repeated.<sup>959</sup> The bile of a dog, when gathered in Puṣya (Dec.-Jan.) and made into an unguent, cures a person of epilepsy.<sup>960</sup>

A famous cure for any kind of putrid sore is a mixture of the ashes of a dog's tongue and oil. "People who have very bad sores rub them with curds on Saturday or Tuesday and get a black dog to lick them." <sup>961</sup> For the use of the tongue for its curative power see above under 2.4 (p. 26). A dog's saliva was used against scrofula.<sup>962</sup>

Further, an insane patient is fumigated with burnt dog's flesh,<sup>963</sup> and Campbell Oman notes the use of the head of a black dog boiled in water to cure the marasmus disease (undernourishment),<sup>964</sup> probably because dogs are gourmands (see above sub 2.5.1). Black dogs also

- 960 Sternbach 9293. See also White 1989: 294f.
- 961 Chaube 1895: 72.
- 962 KauśikaS 30,16. The text is corrupt; see Caland 1900: 97 note 8.
- 963 Suśruta, Utt 62,11.
- 964 Campbell Oman 1908: 309.

<sup>954</sup> Cunni 416,4. See also above at 2.1 where yaksa is explained as dog.

<sup>955</sup> Roy Choudhury 1967: 32.

<sup>956</sup> Low 1835: 65. It was impossible to obtain more information about this.

<sup>957</sup> Karutz 1906: 21 < Low 1835: 65.

<sup>958</sup> Peters 2005: 15.

<sup>959</sup> KauśS 31,18 f. with Caland's note.

have, however, other therapeutical functions, e.g., bread offered to them is supposed to cure barrenness,<sup>965</sup> and when a man suffers from indigestion, some of his food is given to a black dog. If the dog eats the food, his illness goes.<sup>966</sup> In lieu of spitting in the face of a crying child to avert evil-eye, it is sufficient to say: *thu nayi* 'spit dog'.<sup>967</sup> Dog flesh was also used in Greek medicine (Dalby 1996: 60). In Germany, the neuropaediatric clinic in Vogtareuth (Bavaria) uses dogs in the therapy of young comatose patients who react on the animals licking their hands.

Dogs cannot only heal, but, as inauspicious animals, also cause disease. In KauśS 13,12 dogs are associated with leprosy.<sup>968</sup> Through a hole made in the thatch, a child attacked by a dog-demon (*śva-graha*) is brought into the assembly hall, where the spell to exorcise the demon is performed.<sup>969</sup> Whooping cough, regarded as a sort of barking and caused by the displeasure of the dog-god Bhairava, is cured by suspending an old copper coin, hammered into a flat round disc and engraved with the figure of a dog, to the waist of the sick child.<sup>970</sup> Further, as when dogs, etc., bring a dreamer to the South, he will die of consumption,<sup>971</sup> and if he is attacked by a dog when he drinks liquor in the company of spirits of the dead, he will die of fever.<sup>972</sup> For *mort-de-chien*, corruption of the Portuguese *mordexim* < Konkani *modachī* 'cholera' see Hobson-Jobson.<sup>973</sup>

- 971 Svapnac II 89.
- 972 Jolly 1977: 23.
- 973 Yule and Burnell 1903: 586ff.

<sup>965</sup> Enthoven 1924: 287.

<sup>966</sup> Abbott 1932: 279.

<sup>967</sup> Abbott 1932: 34. The Sindhī quotation could not be checked.

<sup>968</sup> *Śuni kilāsam* the priest exclaims in a rite to obtain vital energy.

<sup>969</sup> HirGS 2,7.2.

<sup>970</sup> Thurston 1912: 196.

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