

COLLINGWOOD AND BOUNCE

Do you have a pet at home? What do you like about having a pet? Believe it or not but Collingwood kept a dog called 'Bounce' aboard the ships he sailed in.

What did he think of Bounce? Make up your own mind from the evidence.

My dog is a charming creature, every body admires him but he is grown as tall as the table I am writing on.

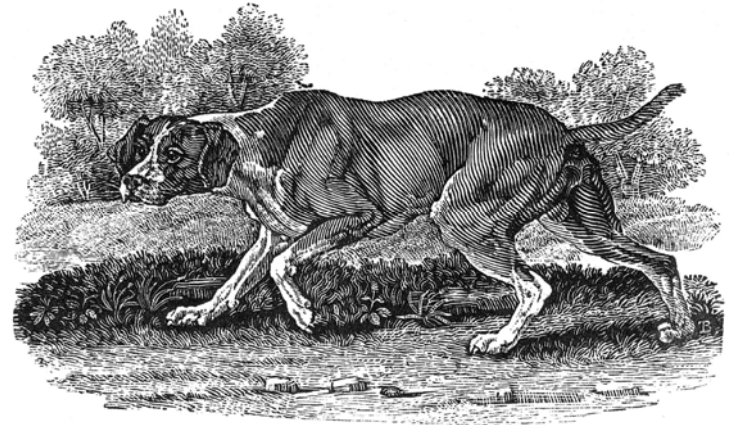
Collingwood to his sister Mary (May 1790),

He and his favourite dog Bounce were known to every member of the crew.

Landsman Hay

My dog is a good dog, delights in the ship and swims after me when I go in the boat.

Collingwood to his sister Mary (July 1790),



We do not know exactly what Bounce looked like but he described him as nearly as high as his table. He may have been a Spanish pointer like this one, engraved by Thomas Bewick.