

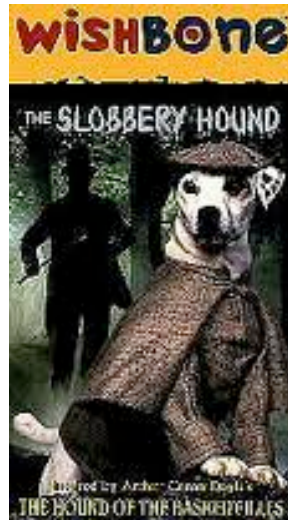
# Talk to The Animals Sherlock, or, Animaltary, My Dear Watson

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## Part II

**1995 - Wishbone** made two appearances as Sherlock Holmes, the first being in "The Slobbery Hound", with Larry Brantley as voice of Wishbone (played by Scooter) for PBS TV. The episode was based on "The Hound of the Baskervilles".



### Wishbone

When Wishbone is blamed for neighborhood messes, he pretends he's Holmes in order to solve the case of the hound. Includes the Hound of the Baskerville Story. The terrier must find the dog who is the real culprit.

Watch "The Slobbery Hound" at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOleLigsQXQ>

**1996 - Wishbone** returns as Sherlock Holmes in “A Dogged Exposé”. This episode was based on “A Scandal in Bohemia”.



**Wishbone (aka Scooter)**

Samantha tries to find out who is distributing embarrassing pictures of her.

See “A Dogged Exposé” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eijAqqGYfHo>

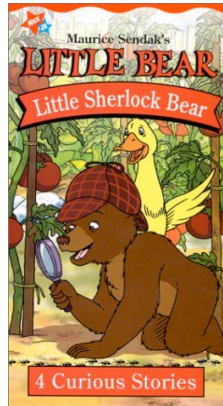
**1995 - Sooty** a hand puppet bear, plays Sherlock Sooty, with **Sweep**, a hand puppet dog as Dr. Wosit , in an episode of “Sooty & Co.” U.K., titled “Sherlock Sooty Visits”.



**Sherlock Sooty and Dr. Wosit**

Sooty and Sweep would make an encore appearance as Holmes and Watson in “The Return of Sherlock Sooty & Dr Wosit” (1998).

**1997 - Little Bear** plays Sherlock Holmes in the third story in the 18th episode of the animated children's series 'Little Bear', titled "Little Sherlock Bear". Little Bear would also appear in his deerstalker in the episode "Detective Little Bear" (2000).



### Little Bear

"A game of hide and seek becomes a problem for Little Bear when Mother Bear's cherry pie baked for Father Bear's dinner disappears."<sup>1</sup>

**1997 - Urmel**, a dinosaur like creature, and Dr. Pingson, his pig assistant, play the Holmes and Watson figures in this German children's show episode of "Urmel".



### Urmel

The most famous detective in the world does not live in the Baker Street in London, but on Titiwu, the island of talking animals. "Sherlock Urmel" and his assistant Dr. Pingson are looking for a culprit, as the precious objects of the inhabitants disappear.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://littlebear.wikia.com/wiki/Little\\_Sherlock\\_Bear](http://littlebear.wikia.com/wiki/Little_Sherlock_Bear)

**1997 - Sherlock Dodo**, yes an extinct dodo bird, is the star in this Canadian made cartoon series known as “Animal Crackers” and episode called “Sherlock Dodo”.



**Sherlock Dodo**

When Lyle mysteriously disappears, everyone assumes the worst...and Sherlock Dodo is on the case.

**1999 - Sherlock Mouse, Souris Sherlock**, in the French/Canada series, title 'Souris des villes, Souris des champs' [Trans: The Country Mouse and the City Mouse].



**Souris Sherlock**

Sherlock is a male mouse and the cousin of Emily and Alexander. Even when he's based on a character called Sherlock Holmes, he sometimes mistakes Alexander for Watson.

**1999 - Peanut and Jelly Otter** dress in Sherlockian garb in “Sherlock Otter” the second story from the 14th episode of Season 2 and the 54th story overall of “PB & J Otter”. In this story, several objects vanish around the Otter household, so Peanut and Jelly become "Sherlock Otters" and try to solve the mysterious disappearances.”<sup>2</sup>



**Jelly & Peanut Otter**

**2000 - Cassie** the shy, demure, sweet dragon is given the lens and deerstalker by Emmy her friend who is filming a story on dragons in the Children’s Television Workshop series “Dragon Tales”.



**Cassie and Emmy**

**2001 - Elizabeth the Emotional Pig** appears in Sherlockian garb in an episode of “Marvin the Tap-Dancing Horse.” The episode title is “Marvin and Eddy in the Middle of Nowhere.”

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<sup>2</sup> [http://pbjotter.wikia.com/wiki/Sherlock\\_Otter](http://pbjotter.wikia.com/wiki/Sherlock_Otter)



### **Elizabeth the Emotional Pig**

“Marvin and Eddy go fishing, but make the mistake of not telling anyone where they are going. Their map falls in the lake and a giant trout eats their compass, leaving them stranded and lost in the woods. Elizabeth does some fancy detective work to figure out where they went and the gang comes to the rescue of their lost friends.”<sup>3</sup>

**2007 - Sherlock Hounds**, is a basset hound, see his adventures as Sherlock Hounds in a summer reading promotional about the "Catch a clue" theme for the King County library system. Sherlock Hounds works for C.S.I. - Crime Sniffing Investigators.



### **Sherlock Hounds**

See Sherlock Hounds fun adventures on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztkWKwBi2bQ>

**2007 - Blue**, the dog from the popular Nickelodeon kid's program "Blue's Clues" gets out his deerstalker in "Blue's Room, Shape Detectives" .



### **Sprinkles and Blue**

Detective Blue, Detective Sprinkles, and Detective Joe, are shape detectives and wear Sherlockian costumes.

For a Blue's Clues parody of BBC's "Sherlock" see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKgtvYS6YVo>

**2009 Minnie Mouse**, just as Mickey and Goofy had done many years earlier , picks up the magnifying glass and deerstalker in Disney Mickey Mouse Club's "Detective Minnie, The Friendship Machine".



### **Minnie Mouse**

Minnie must follow the clues to find the missing party hats for the friendship team party.

See Minnie "Team Friendship" music video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP3TxHGvxOI>



**2010 Jerry**, the mouse of Tom and Jerry fame, dresses in full Sherlockian garb for the full length animated feature “Tom and Jerry Meet Sherlock Holmes”.



**Tom and Jerry**

Sherlock Holmes tracks a jewel thief, and is of course aided by Tom and Jerry!

See Tom and Jerry Meet Sherlock Holmes scene of graveyard antics at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2adgNdhFzfE>

**2011 - Sherlock Yack** is the zoo's manager as well as its detective, in the series 'Sherlock Yack, Zoo-Déetective'. As soon as a crime is committed, he investigates with his young assistant, Hermione. With her help, he finds suspects, clues and proofs... while inviting the young viewer to lead the investigation and find the culprit at the same time. There were 52 episodes of approximately 13 minutes each made for MONDO TV, France. Yes a YAK!



**Sherlock Yack and Hermione**



**2013 - Scuffy the Cat** plays a claymation Holmes in “Scuffy The Cat In Elementary”.



**Scuffy the Cat**

“The game is a foot or a paw. Meet Higgins a new clay character.”<sup>4</sup>

Watch “Scuffy The Cat In Elementary” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guFxCcTuUAM>

**2013 Jack the Cat**, plays Sherlock Holmes, with **Oggy the Cat** as Watson, in the French animation four part movie “Oggy and the Cockroaches”. Part three is called “The Incredible Oggy Watson”.



**Oggy and Jack**

The plot evolves around an attempt to murder Queen Victoria by having one of the faces of Big Ben fall on her.

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<sup>4</sup> [www.bowtiebearanimation.com](http://www.bowtiebearanimation.com)

**2013/2014 - Sherlock Ferret** called the world's cutest, detective by author Hugh Aston and illustrator Andy Boerger, whose ongoing series of books about him include, "Sherlock Ferret and the Missing Necklace", "Sherlock Ferret and the Multiplying Masterpieces", and the soon to be released "Sherlock Ferret and the Poisoned Pond".



### **Sherlock Ferret and Watson Mouse**

"Sherlock Ferret lives with his well-whiskered friend Watson Mouse, M.D. (that's a Doctor of Mousology) in rooms underneath Mrs. Hudson's baker's shop."<sup>5</sup>

"Miss Leticia Rabbit leaves her gold necklace on the grass outside her house one evening. When she gets up in the morning, it is gone! To help her get it back, she asks Sherlock Ferret, who lives with his well-whiskered friend Watson Mouse MD (a Doctor of Mousology) in rooms under Mrs. Hudson's baker's shop. Sherlock and Watson, and their friend Lestrade, who is a rhinoceros (even though he is not a very big one) set out to find the necklace for her, meeting other interesting and nefarious characters as they do so."<sup>6</sup>

Check out "Sherlock Ferret and the Missing Necklace" at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9D9Xwuhyfnc>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://sherlockferret.info/>

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You now have witnessed Sherlock Holmes as a:

- 1) beagle
- 2) bear
- 3) bear cub
- 4) bloodhound
- 5) blue mouse
- 6) bobcat
- 7) bulldog
- 8) cat
- 9) chesapeake bay retriever
- 10) chimpanzee
- 11) creature with blue fur, bug eyes, & a long crooked nose
- 12) chipmunk
- 13) corythosaurus
- 14) dog
- 15) dinosaur
- 16) dodo
- 17) dragon
- 18) duck
- 19) ferret
- 20) fox
- 21) frog
- 22) great dane
- 23) great dane pup
- 24) jack russell terrier
- 25) monkey
- 26) mouse
- 27) otter
- 28) panther
- 29) parrot
- 30) pembroke corgi
- 31) penguin
- 32) pig
- 33) rabbit
- 34) rat
- 35) terrier
- 36) tiger
- 37) turtle
- 38) squirrel
- 39) whale
- 40) yak

Do you have any OTTERs for us? Or is this essay just OTTERLY too ridiculous for you?



**Hedgie and Otter**

See SherOtter and Johnhedgie for yourself at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCE431Sonno>