

Chapter 23

Use with Section 1

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• The Skeletal System

Bones of Animals

Sometimes we forget that human beings are animals and that our structures are very similar to those of other animals. A doctor and a veterinarian even use the same names for the bones of a human and a dog, as well as for the bones of many other animals.

Below are diagrams of two skeletons—one of a dog and one of a human being. The diagram of a dog is labeled with the names of the bones. These same names are used for human bones. The bones of a human may be in a slightly different position or have a slightly different shape.

Study the diagram of the dog. Then label the corresponding bones on the human. All the bone names can be transferred to the human skeleton.

