

Is A Hot Dog A Sandwich?

From the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council

National Hot Dog and Sausage Council Announces Official Policy On ‘Hot Dog as Sandwich’ Controversy

Limiting the hot dog’s significance by saying it’s ‘just a sandwich’ is like calling the Dalai Lama ‘just a guy’. Perhaps at one time its importance could be limited by forcing it into a larger sandwich category (no disrespect to Reubens and others), but that time has passed. We therefore choose to take a cue from a great performer and declare our namesake be a “hot dog formerly known as a sandwich. Read full announcement here. (<http://www.hot-dog.org/press/national-hot-dog-and-sausage-council-announces-official-policy-hot-dog-sandwich-controversy>)

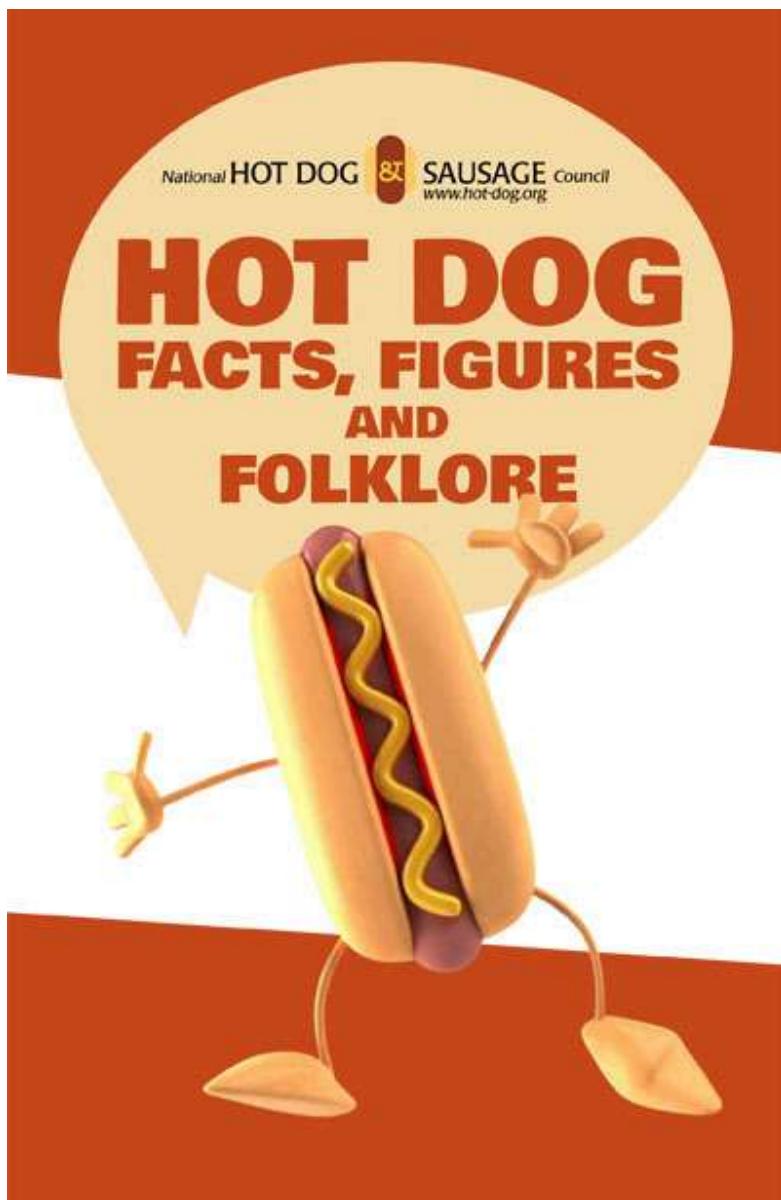
Famous people weigh in on the heated hot dog sandwich debate. (<http://hot-dog.org/culture/famous-people-weigh-in-on-the-heated-hot-dog-sandwich-debate>)

A Dozen Reasons Why the Terms Hot Dog and Sandwich Are Not Interchangeable

1. If you were watching a great athlete showing off during a game, you don’t call him a sandwich.
2. Does ESPN broadcast sandwich eating contests?
3. Imagine being at the ballpark with the organ playing, the crowd cheering and a vendor walking through the stands saying “Sandwich, get your sandwich here!”

4. Dirty Harry would not have sounded nearly as ominous if he said, “Never ever put mayo on a sandwich.” But when he said, “Never ever put ketchup on a hot dog,” people sat up and listened.
5. Marlene Dietrich didn’t say that champagne and sandwiches were her favorite foods; it was champagne and hot dogs she loved.
6. You wouldn’t get arrested for putting ketchup on a sandwich in Chicago.
7. There are never any myths or mystique about what’s in a sandwich.
8. No one ever sang about wishing they were a sandwich.
9. You don’t go to the ballpark and see racing sandwiches.
10. Babe Ruth wasn’t sent to the hospital and rumored to be dead because he ate too many sandwiches,
11. There was never an organized campaign for a sandwich emoji.
12. If you won the lottery, would you say “Sand wich!” No, you’d say, “hot dog!”

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How Do You Say...?

Traveling abroad soon? You'll never be hungry again with the following translations.

- Spanish - Perrito Caliente
- Italian - Caldo Cane
- French - Chien Chaud
- German - Heisser Hund, or Wurst
- Portugese - Cachorro Quente
- Swedish - Korv, or Varmkorv
- Norwegian and Danish - Grillpolser
- Czech - Park v Rohliku
- Dutch - Worstjes
- Finnish - Makkarat

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