

## What makes a good Feature?

- Classifier are only good as only the feature you provide that means coming up with good features is one of the most important job in ML.
- If we are doing binary classification then good feature makes it easy to decide b/w two different things.
- for example ~~you~~, imagine we wanted to write a classifier to tell the difference b/w two types of dogs - greyhounds and labradors.  
then Here we will use two features the dog's ~~eye~~ Height ~~and~~ in inches and their eye color.  

ideal feature  
↳ simple  
↳ Independent  
↳ Simple

  - (i) greyhounds are usually taller than labradors.  

Height
  - (ii) eye color → blue & brown for both 50/50.
- Including useless feature in training data can negatively impact a classifier accuracy, specially if data set is small, as they might appear useful by chance.
- good feature must be independent feature  
for ex: Height  $\leftarrow$  inches  $\rightarrow$  they are perfectly correlated features.  
So independent feature, making it good practice to remove them.
- Understandability of feature → It should be easy for human to understand and relate to the



e.g. → dist. b/w cities in miles or latitude and longitude.

Identifying effective features by demonstrating their characteristic: they should help diff. b/w classes, be independent of each other, and be intuitively understandable. It also highlight that while for the