

= Jack the Bulldog =

Jack the Bulldog is the official mascot of the Georgetown University Hoyas athletic teams . Jack has been the name of at least five live Bulldogs since 1962 , when the name first came into use , though Georgetown counts seven official bulldog mascots including the two living ones . The current incarnation of Jack is an English Bulldog born in 2013 whose full name is John B. Carroll .

A puppy born in 2012 named Jack Junior , or J.J. , began assisting Jack in April 2012 , allowing the older Jack to retire after the 2012 ? 13 school year and transfer his duties to Jack Junior . However , university administrators determined in July 2013 that J.J. would not be the school 's mascot going forward . By the end of August 2013 , a new puppy had been identified from the same breeders , and John B. Carroll was introduced to the campus in October 2013 .

Jack was not always the name of the Georgetown Hoyas ' mascot , nor was the mascot always a bulldog , as other types of dogs , particularly bull terriers , were associated with the sports teams before 1962 . In 2009 , the American Kennel Club ranked Jack as the 8th most popular dog in American culture . Today , Georgetown is among thirty @-@ nine American universities to use a bulldog as their mascot , with Georgia , Butler , Mississippi State , Yale and James Madison being the only others with a live bulldog . Jack is also portrayed by a costumed character Bulldog mascot , a tradition dating to 1977 .

= = Early dogs = =

Dogs have been associated with the school 's sports teams on an unofficial basis since the late nineteenth century . Early dog mascots may have included a mutt called Hoya around 1900 , a Borzoi named Richmond Jack in 1906 , a bulldog named Hoya in 1907 , and a Boston Bull Terrier in 1911 . At that time , most mascots were primarily associated with the school 's football team , and were cared for by students or individual sports teams , rather than the administration .

Sergeant Stubby , a part bull terrier and a decorated World War I war dog , came to campus in 1921 with J. Robert Conroy who was attending Georgetown Law at the time . The school football team used Stubby as a popular halftime show where he would push a football across the field , which established him as a campus celebrity . After Stubby died in 1926 , the team then chose a female bull terrier named Jazz Bo , who had been brought to campus by Georgetown College student Paul Van Laanen . Jazz Bo was retitled " Hoya " by the students , after the traditional " Hoya Saxa " school cheer . The athletic teams are possibly named , in turn , for this dog . When " Hoya " gave birth to a daughter , students named the puppy " Saxa " .

Other bull terriers like Saxa filled in as mascot until World War II , when athletics at the school paused during the war . After the war , a series of Great Danes , named Bo , Butch , and Hobo , served as mascot . William Peter Blatty , author of The Exorcist , was one of the students to care for Butch . During this time period mascot abductions by rival schools became a common threat to the animal 's safety . A bull terrier costume was also briefly used by the school , but in 1951 , the school suspended the football program as part of a larger backlash against university sports . This left the school without a mascot .

= = Royal Jacket = =

In 1962 , with the resumption of football , students Stan Samorajczyk and John Feldmann , editors of The Hoya campus newspaper , founded a committee to raise money for the purchase of a new mascot dog in time for the first new games in 1964 . This committee chose a purebred English Bulldog as the dog which would represent Georgetown students because of their " tenacity . " Samorajczyk also followed the sports team jerseys , which may have previously had an image of a bulldog on them . Around this time the school also adopted as the official logo of the athletics program a new drawing in blue and gray school colors of the bulldog . This logo dog wears a cap typical of the beanie which other freshman at the time had to wear .

For \$ 150 the committee bought a two @-@ year @-@ old blue @-@ ribbon @-@ champion show

dog named " Lil @-@ Nan 's Royal Jacket , " named because the colors of his coat looked like a jacket . This dog was to be renamed " Hoya " like his 1926 predecessor , but refused to respond to any name other than his call name " Jack . " Jack lived outside New South Hall in a heated doghouse . In 1967 , Royal Jacket retired and was replaced by a second bulldog who continued under the simple name " Jack . " In 1977 , as the basketball program gained popularity , the costumed mascot took over duties as Jack . The costume , first worn by student Pat Sheehan , has been updated numerous times , most recently in 2013 . Other live bulldogs owned by students at times joined the costumed Jack , including one named Rocky from 1982 to 1985 and one named Daisy in 1997 .

= = John P. Carroll = =

In 1998 , Michael Boyle , Austin Martin , and Kathleen Long , co @-@ founders of the Hoya Blue fan club began a campaign to revive the tradition of an official live mascot with the assistance of English professor Father Scott R. Pilarz , S.J. The " Bring Back Jack " Campaign initially sought to find a suitable dog among the students and faculty , as the university did not want to use school funds for the purchase . Ultimately , Hoya Blue raised \$ 1 @,@ 500 to purchase a new puppy named Jack ( officially , John P. Carroll ) and placed him in the care of Father Pilarz on February 16 , 1999 . However , after four years , Jack left Georgetown with Pilarz , who was named president of the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania in 2003 , and then president of Marquette University in 2011 . John P. Carroll died on September 16 , 2011 at the home of Pilarz 's parents in Voorhees Township , New Jersey , at the age of 12 .

Donations from Hoya Blue , the Hoya Hoop Club , the Office of the President , and alumni allowed for the purchase of the current third incarnation of Jack ( born 2003 ) .

= = John S. Carroll = =

Jack was born May 3 , 2003 at Brookhollow Kennel in Freehold Township , New Jersey as a litter of one . He was the son of champion bulldog Copper Kid and a relation of Rocky the 1983 mascot . He was brought to campus on July 19 , 2003 and placed in the care of Father Christopher Steck , S.J. , a theology professor . His official name , as registered with the American Kennel Club was Brookhollow 's John S. Carroll , which allows for the nickname Jack . This referred to Georgetown founder John Carroll , while " S. " stood for Steck . Similarly the previous mascot was officially John P. Carroll , for Pilarz . He was also infrequently referred to as Jack IV , as the school was unsure of the exact number of dogs used as Jack in the 1970s .

Jack lived with Father Christopher Steck in New South Hall , but spent time in Wolfington Hall Jesuit Residence . In 2003 , Father Steck started the " Jack Crew " , a six @-@ student organization of Jack 's walkers and caretakers . Crew members were required to be able to show their school spirit and their ability to control Jack , including being aware of his affinity for orange traffic cones . Jack had both an email address , a Facebook profile , a student ID card , and a local phone number , and the campus directory listed him as part of the theology faculty , like Father Steck .

Jack attended home basketball games at the Verizon Center , where he entertained fans by attacking a cardboard box decorated with opponents ' logos . This tradition developed after Steck discovered Jack 's propensity for attacking boxes of brownie mix , and he originally decorated boxes for the games himself . Jack wore a leather collar studded with Georgetown pins , and occasionally wore a team jersey sporting the number one , which Steck purchased at the school bookstore . On campus , Jack attended student meetings and could be booked for social functions . He weighed 55 pounds ( 25 kg ) and his color was described as " red fawn . " Jack 's personality was described as very social , but imperious and stubborn with " a sense of entitlement . "

On March 11 , 2012 , Jack tore his ACL , and had to have surgery to repair it on April 23 , 2012 . In March 2013 , school announced that Jack would " retire " from gameday duties after the end of the 2012 ? 13 basketball season , and officially take a smaller role . Jack continued to live on campus with Steck until his death on June 2 , 2015 .

= = Jack Junior = =

On March 30 , 2012 , Georgetown announced the donation of a new bulldog puppy from San Diego breeders Janice and Marcus Hochstetler , whose children Nathan and Rachel attend the school . The school named the puppy Jack Junior , or " J.J. " , and his father was a breed champion , while his mother , named Treasure , and grandmother still live with the Hochstetler family . The puppy , who has been described as " laid back , " was introduced to the community at a ceremony on April 13 , 2012 .

Students discovered during Homecoming 2012 that J.J. has an affinity for balloons , and during Midnight Madness he attacked blue and orange balloons , colors of Georgetown 's arch @-@ rival , Syracuse University . He had his debut at the Verizon Center on January 26 , 2013 during a men 's basketball victory over the Louisville Cardinals . On February 8 , 2013 , Jack and J.J. met with Butler University 's mascots , Blue II and Blue III , who were in town on a goodwill tour to Atlantic 10 Conference members .

However , during the summer 2013 , trainers at the school determined that , given the " exciting and hectic " life required of the school 's mascot , it would be best for J.J. to return to a home environment , announcing their decision on July 31 , 2013 . An incident involving a small child during the fall 2012 semester , and a subsequent settlement with the child 's family , may have contributed to the school 's decision , though Georgetown spokesperson Rachel Pugh said it wasn 't the only factor . Caretaker Rev. Christopher Steck , S.J. was surprised by the schools decision , and published a letter expressing his disappointment . In an editorial in The Hoya , Steck also lamented the school 's choice not to involve the Bulldog Advisory Committee , which began meeting earlier in the summer , in its decision . After a search by Steck , J.J. was adopted by a family close to the Georgetown campus on August 18 , 2013 .

= = John B. Carroll = =

On August 30 , 2013 , Pugh announced the arrival of a new puppy , also from the Hochstetler family and an offspring of Treasure , J.J. ' s mother , though they come from different litters . Officially named Compatible 's John B. Carroll , the dog 's middle name stands for " Bulldog " , unlike his predecessors , where the middle name referred to the caretaker 's name . He was born on June 29 , 2013 and was introduced on campus in late October 2013 with appearances at a men 's soccer game against DePaul on October 23 , and around Copley Lawn and Leo J. O 'Donovan Hall . Jack weighs 50 pounds ( 23 kg ) and his color is described as " fawn . "

In early October 2013 , the school announced that Steck would not be the new mascot 's caretaker , but that another , not necessarily a Jesuit , would be selected from the Georgetown community . On November 5 , 2013 , the school choose 2013 graduate McKenzie Stough as the bulldog 's caretaker . Besides being an alumna, McKenzie works as a Communications Specialist in the university 's Office of Communications . Responding to criticism , the school involved the fourteen @-@ member Bulldog Advisory Committee in the replacement process and selection of the caretaker . The Jack Crew will also be downsized from twenty students to " four or five " with the selection of this new caretaker .

Starting in December 2014 , Jack began performing at home basketball games by riding a skateboard across the court . For the opening game of the 2015 ? 16 season , the school produced bobblehead dolls of Jack on a skateboard , wearing jersey number 89 in honor of the year of the school 's founding , 1789 .