

Canis Major - The Large Dog

Canis Major is usually seen as one of the two hunting dogs of the great hunter Orion.

Some say that the Dog is the fabulous canine known as Laelaps. Laelaps was known for its speed. It ran so fast that not even the fastest deer could escape it.

Thebes was being plagued by a fox at the time. The fox was a very special animal that ran so fast that it could never be caught. Laelaps was set on the trail of the fox. The Dog that could catch any prey running after the fox that could never be caught. The two speedy animals were caught in a race that could never end until Zeus intervened by turning the animals into stone. Then he set the Dog into the stars, but without the fox.

