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for ten thousand years
if you asked
how is a rabbit related to a dog
there would have been just one answer

dogs chase rabbits

but for the psychometrists eugenicists like
mr burt mr spearman m binet
that wasn't intelligence
the only answer *Science* allowed
the only answer they allowed was
both are mammals

no

if you have any creativity
dr burt dr spearman dr binet
tell me ten ways
a rabbit is related to a dog

you can't you can't even begin

so here are some

both are feral pests in australia

both are restricted to colours
black grey brown russet or white

they supply metaphoric verbs –
to dog a person's footsteps
to rabbit on

they have acute hearing

children keep them as pets

they are names of football teams

they are years in chinese astrology

they dig up gardens

they are animals
traditionally used in scientific experiments

and if you have any precision of thought
professor burt professor spearman professor binet
tell me

what is the one thing
that *only* dogs and rabbits
have in common

you can't you have no idea
so here is my answer

they are the only animals
whose nursery names are formed
by putting the name of the young
before of the name of the adult

but
you are not even puppy dogs or bunny rabbits
are you
cyril burt charles spearman alfred binet

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