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Introduction

OVERVIEW

DOG DAZE DELUXE is a fast-paced action game of skill, strategy, and luck. You use a joystick to control one of the two dogs on the screen. (You can play against another person or the computer.) Each time a fire hydrant pops up anywhere on the street scene, you scramble to claim it by running up to it first.

But be careful! If you bump into your opponent's fireplug, you stick like glue for two seconds. And while you're stuck he's busy collecting all the other fireplugs. From time to time, a reckless driver careens onto the scene. You have to move quickly to get out of the way. If he hits one of the dogs, the game's over -- whatever the score.

Sometimes you can claim a hydrant before your opponent by throwing your bone at it. A flying bone moves faster than you or your opponent.

The game has a handicap that you can use if the two players aren't evenly matched. For example, if you're playing against a small child, you can give him or her an advantage. You can even use the handicap to make it easier (or harder) for yourself when you're playing against the computer!

REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

One ATARI Joystick Controller per player

Cassette Version

16K RAM

ATARI 410 or 1010 Program Recorder

Diskette Version

16K RAM

ATARI 810 or 1050 Disk Drive

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Getting started

LOADING DOG DAZE DELUXE INTO COMPUTER MEMORY

1. Remove any program cartridge from the cartridge slot of your computer.
2. Plug your Joystick Controller into the first controller jack of your computer console. If you're going to play the two-player version, plug joysticks into the first two controller jacks.

3. If you have the cassette version of DOG DAZE DELUXE:

- a. Have your computer turned OFF.
- b. Turn on your TV set.
- c. Insert the DOG DAZE DELUXE cassette into the program recorder's cassette holder and press REWIND on the recorder until the tape rewinds completely. Then press PLAY to prepare the program recorder for loading the program.
- d. Turn on the computer while holding down the START key.
- e. When you hear a beep, release the START key and press the RETURN key. The program will load into computer memory and start automatically.

If you have the diskette version of DOG DAZE DELUXE:

- a. Have your computer turned OFF.
- b. Turn on your disk drive.
- c. When the BUSY light goes out, open the

disk drive door and insert the DOG DAZE DELUXE diskette with the label in the lower right-hand corner nearest you. Close the door.

d. Turn on your computer and your TV set. The program will load into computer memory and start automatically.

THE FIRST DISPLAY SCREEN

The title, a copyright notice, and the game options as follows:

DOG DAZE DELUXE
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DEMONSTRATION
ONE-PLAYER GAME
TWO-PLAYER GAME

Press SELECT to select game type
Press START to start game

Playing DOG DAZE DELUXE

SETTING GAME OPTIONS

Before you begin playing, you make some choices about setting up the game.

Press the SELECT key to choose the one-player game, two-player game, or a demonstration of how to play the game.

Use the handicap option if one player is more skilled than the other. Press the OPTION key and the playing screen appears. Then one player can place one to thirty hydrants on the screen by pressing his or her joystick button. The handicapped player runs more slowly and has to avoid these extra hydrants during the game.

During the game press the START key to end the game and return to the title screen. Then you can change the number of players or reset the handicap and start a new game.

PLAYING THE GAME

When you're ready to begin playing, press the START key.

Hold the joystick with the controller button in the upper left hand corner. Push the joystick toward the screen to make your dog run to the background or top of the screen. Pull the joystick toward you to move it to the the bottom of the screen or foreground.

As new hydrants appear you run to claim them. Unclaimed hydrants flash on and off, while claimed hydrants match the colors of their owners.

To claim a hydrant, run into it. You can run

through your own hydrants on the way, but if you touch one of your opponent's hydrants you can't move for two seconds.

Another way to claim a flashing hydrant is to throw your bone at it. Press the joystick button while you're running. The bone shoots in the direction you're running at a speed faster than you can run. This is a good tactic to use if you and your opponent are running toward the same hydrant. You can't throw your bone while you're standing still or running diagonally--a question mark appears over your dog's head if you try.

If your bone hits a flashing hydrant, you claim that hydrant and get your bone back automatically. If you miss, or hit any other hydrant, you must retrieve your bone before you can use it again. Sometimes you have to race out to the edge of the screen to get it. When you play against the computer, the computer's dog won't use its bone unless you use yours.

Every so often a reckless driver beeps his horn and drives through the playfield. He won't stay on the road, so you're not safe on the lawns. It's best to head for the right and then up or down, out of the car's path as it approaches. Don't get run over or you'll lose the game, no matter what the score is at the time.

SCORING AND WINNING

At the top of the screen is a scoreboard made of 16 hydrants. Each time you claim a new hydrant, half of one scoreboard hydrant changes to your color. You win the game when all 16 hydrants are your color. The handicap option has no effect on the beginning score.

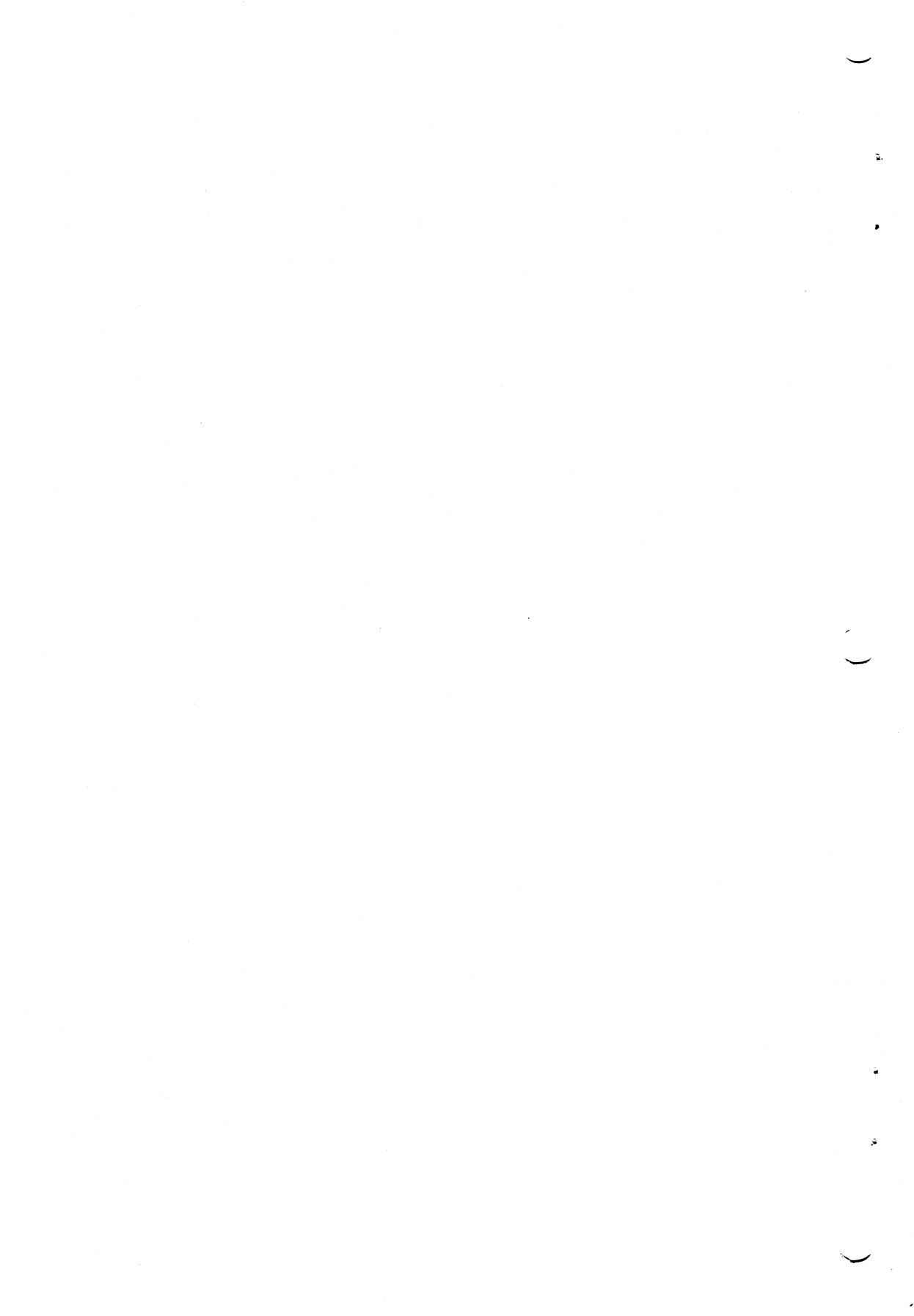
GAME VARIATIONS

Either player can be handicapped. To make things easier, you can handicap the computer by

giving yourself several hydrants before the game starts. If you want to make the game more difficult, give the other player several extra hydrants, using the other joystick. If you have only one joystick, you can plug it temporarily into the other joystick port to set the handicap.

After setting the game type and handicap, press the START key to begin play. A crescent moon in the background shows that you're using the handicap option. The computer repeats that setup for every game that follows, unless you reset the handicap or change the game type.

When you're playing against the computer, you may take either side. As soon as you move your joystick, the computer takes control of the other dog.





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1. Name and APX number of program.

Dog Daze Deluxe (264)

2. If you have problems using the program, please describe them here.
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3. What do you especially like about this program?
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6. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being "poor" and 10 being "excellent", please rate the following aspects of this program:

- _____ Easy to use
- _____ User-oriented (e.g., menus, prompts, clear language)
- _____ Enjoyable
- _____ Self-instructive
- _____ Use (non-game programs)
- _____ Imaginative graphics and sound

7. Describe any technical errors you found in the user instructions (please give page numbers).

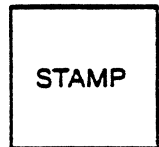
8. What did you especially like about the user instructions?

9. What revisions or additions would improve these instructions?

10. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 representing "poor" and 10 representing "excellent", how would you rate the user instructions and why?

11. Other comments about the program or user instructions:

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