

The Dog-a-pult



Invented by a gang of ruthless crumbsnatchers, the **dog-a-pult** was one of the most formidable guerrilla weapons of the 1950s. Because of its low cost and relatively maintenance-free operation, the dog-a-pult was prized by any impecunious revolutionary who could source, for want of a better term, “the ammunition.” The use of the dog-a-pult, strangely enough, offended no one. However, when enterprising innovators adapted the device for larger *objets à lancer* (i.e., “stuff to hurl”) and built the **whale-a-pult**, animal rights organizations the world over howled in protest. Still, it took a rebel leader’s severe krill allergy along with a gruesome incident involving a warehouse full of fetid amberggris to put the whale-a-pult into permanent disfavor. Thereafter, the weapon of choice for malcontents on a budget was the feline projectile siege engine favored by both the ancient Greeks and Romans: the **cat-a-pult**.