Civil War Animal Mascots

Horses vs. Dogs

Throughout the war, different soldiers and generals kept pets nearby including dogs, cats, chickens, and raccoons. Use the Venn diagram below to compare and contrast the two most common pets that were kept during the Civil War, horses and dogs. Give specific examples of how each pet would have been loyal and beneficial to the men during the war.

After comparing and contrasting each animal’s role in the army, which animal do you think best assisted the soldiers on the battlefields?

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