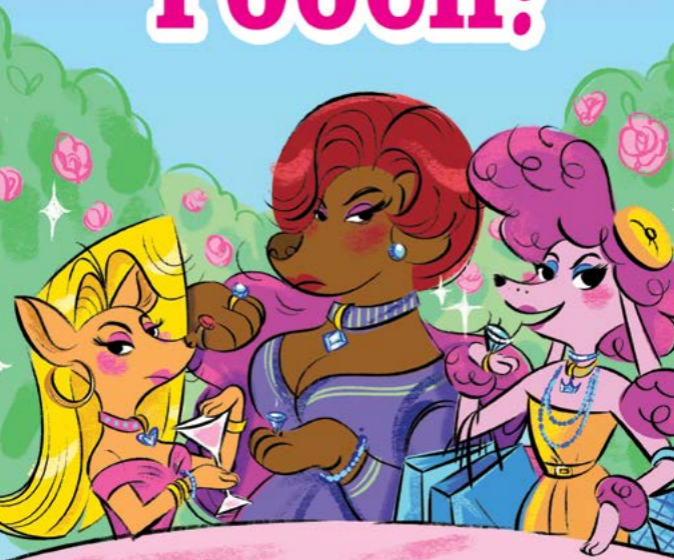


YOU Shady™ POOCH!



The Rules

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How to Play

Setup: Give each player 4 bones.

Gameplay: Play over several rounds. Empty your hand first to win that round's bones. Once a player runs out of bones, whoever has the most wins the game (see "Ending the Game.") Each round...

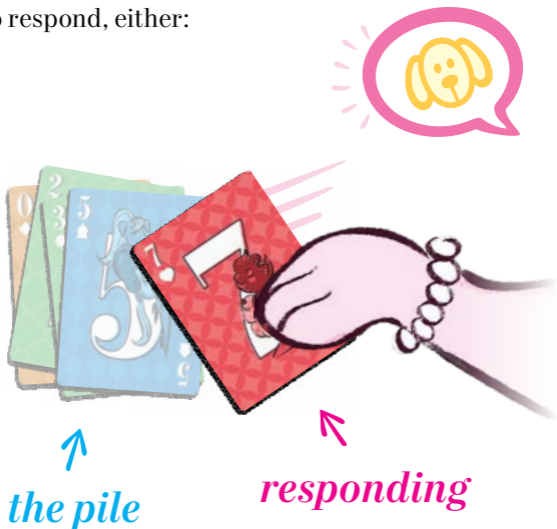
1. **Shuffle and deal** all of the cards out evenly (*discard any extras.*) You may look at your hand.
2. **Each player antes**, adding 1 bone to the pot in the center of the table.
3. **The player to the dealer's left leads**, starting a rapid series of *leads*, *responses*, and *dogpiles*.



When you **lead**, name another player and then play a card from your hand to the center of the table, starting a **new pile**.

When someone names you, you must **respond** to the top card of the pile – and be quick! If you're too slow in responding, the other players might *dogpile* and make the pile a growing problem.

To respond, either:



(A) Play a **higher number** of **any suit** and then name another player to respond

Add your card onto the pile and then say another player's name. That player must now *respond* to your card, continuing the chain.



(B) Play a Queen and do its action

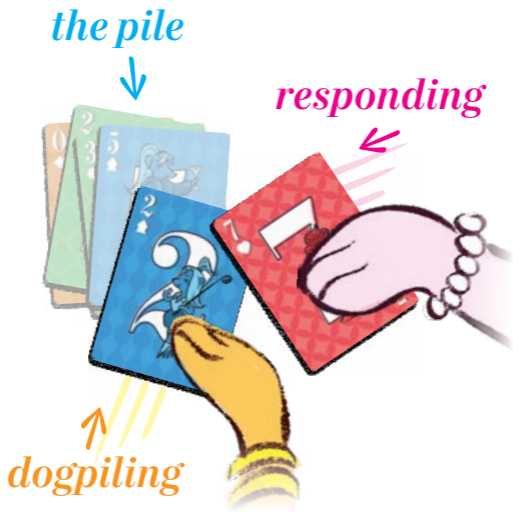
Add your Queen card onto the pile, and then do your Queen's special action (*see reverse side.*)



...or **(C) Pick up** the pile

Shout **“YOU SHADY POOCH!”** at whoever named you and pick up all of the cards from the pile into your hand. Then **the player who named you leads**, starting a new pile with a new card.

Until the named player responds, others can each **dogpile** once. (*Don't dogpile when you named a player or when you're named.*)



To dogpile, quickly put **one card** from your hand on top of the pile. The dogpiled card must be the **same suit** as and a **lower number** than whatever card was on top. (*You can't dogpile on a Queen.*)

Think fast! Your dogpiled card has to make it to the top of the pile before anyone responds.

Greedy Queen

When you play the **Greedy Queen**, take all of the ♦'s from pile and add them to your hand. Discard the Queen and all of the other cards from the pile. You now lead, starting a new pile with a new card from your hand.



Remember – Whoever has the most ♦'s in their hand at the end of the round gets one bone.



Shady Queen

When you play the **Shady Queen**, put the Queen on top of the pile and name a player to respond. The named player can only respond by playing a Queen or by picking up the pile.

Remember – You'll get to lead if the player you named picks up the pile.

Remember – "Queen" isn't a number. No dogpiling!

Fierce Queen

When you play the **Fierce Queen**, discard the Queen and all of the other cards in the pile. You now lead, starting a new pile with a new card from your hand.



Wild Ones



The **Wild One** lets you dogpile on a number card of any suit – and when you do, you get to clear the pile and steal the lead.

The Wild One is all suits. If you lead or respond with a Wild One, a player can dogpile on it with any Zero.

You can use a Wild One to dogpile on any number Two or higher, no matter that card's suit.

When you dogpile with the Wild One, **immediately** discard the Wild One and the other cards from pile. Other players lose the opportunity to respond or dogpile. With the pile now empty, you lead, starting a new pile by playing a new card from your hand.

Ending the Game

When you're the first player to shed all of the cards from your hand, the **round ends**. Take all of the bones from the pot for yourself and give one bone to the player with the most ♦'s in hand. (*In case of a tie, don't give anyone else a bone.*) Then, deal the next round.



At the end of any round where one or more players has no bones left, the **game ends**, and the player with the most bones wins!

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More to Explore
F.A.Q. & Drinking Game Variant

F.A.Q.

What do I do with discarded cards?

Set them aside and ignore them.

Can I lead with any card?

Yes. You can play any card from your hand to lead.

What happens if I lead with a Fierce Queen or with a Greedy Queen?

Discard the Queen and then lead again.

Does dogpiling change who I'm responding to?

No. Dogpiling only changes the top card of the pile.

Should I discard the pile after I respond?

No. The pile will grow as you play, increasing the risk for any player who has to pick the pile up.

Only discard the pile when specifically instructed to (*e.g., when you play a Fierce Queen.*)

When do I have to name a player?

Name a player when you lead, respond with a higher number, or respond with a Shady Queen.

Are there any restrictions on who I name?

You can name any player other than yourself.

Can I dogpile before a player is named?

No. You must wait for a player to be named.

Can I name a new player when I dogpile?

No. Dogpiling changes the top card of the pile but doesn't let you name a player.

Can I dogpile *and* respond?

No. You can't dogpile when you've named a player or when you've been named.

Can I dogpile multiple times?

No. You can only dogpile once each time that a player is named and only with one card.

Can I dogpile on a Queen?

No. "Queen" is not number, so there are no numbers lower (*or higher*) than "Queen."

Can I dogpile using a Queen?

No. "Queen" is not a number.

A 7♥ was led, and another player dogpiled on that with a 5♥. Can I now dogpile with a 6♥?

No. You can only dogpile with a card that's a lower number than and the same suit as the card currently on top of the pile (*the 5♥*), regardless of whichever card was led.

Drinking Game Variant

When you're named and a card featuring a boozehound (*Zero, Five, Nine, Shady Queen, or Wild One*) is played onto the pile, take a drink before you respond.



Remember to drink responsibly and to never pressure anyone to drink.



KNOW YOUR LIMITS – It is your responsibility to monitor and moderate your alcohol consumption. Avoid excessive consumption of alcohol.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE – Make arrangements for safe transportation before drinking.

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