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12/18 - 12/24

TWO ASTRONOMICAL DOGGOS TO FIND

WHO'S A GOOD SKY DOGGO? GET THE BALL!

HI STAR GAZERS! DOGS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN HUMAN HISTORY – SO IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THE SKY WOULD HAVE A COUPLE. CANIS MAJOR AND CANIS MINOR! LIKE TERRESTRIAL DOGS, THEY STICK TO THEIR OWNER, SO FIRST WE FIND ORION!

HIT THE DARKNESS AROUND 10 PM ANY NIGHT THIS WEEK, FACING SOUTHEAST.

YOU'LL SEE THE FAMILIAR STARS OF ORION THE HUNTER. TAKE HIS BELT STARS AND DRAW A LINE FROM MINTAKA, THROUGH THE REMAINING BELT STARS AND YOU'LL RUN INTO SIRIUS, CANIS MAJOR'S NOSE.

MAJOR'S REMAINING STARS ARE MULIPHEN AND MIRZAM ON EITHER SIDE OF SIRIUS AND WEZEN, ADHARA AND ALUDRA DOWN TO THE RIGHT.

TO FIND MINOR TAKE ORION'S SHOULDER STARS BELLATRIX AND BETELGEUSE AND DRAW A LINE TOWARD THE EAST AND YOU'LL RUN INTO THE STARS OF CANIS MINOR; PROCYON AND GOMEISA.

IF YOU BACK TRACK FROM SIRIUS TO BELLATRIX IN ORION THEN KEEP GOING YOU'LL SEE MY ORANGE BALL – JK THAT'S ALDEBARAN IN TAURUS.

KEEP LOOKING UP!