

# Man Bites Dog

**Ages 8 and Up**

**2-6 Players**

## **CONTENTS:**

- 106 Headline Cards
- 3 Exclusive Cards
- 1 Instruction Card

## **OBJECT OF THE GAME:**

Be the first player to score 500 points by making zany headlines.

## **THE HEADLINE CARDS**

1. Each card has a point value, listed at the bottom.
2. An Exclusive Card doubles the value of a hand.

## **SET UP**

1. Grab a pen and paper to keep score.
2. The youngest player deals the first round.
3. Shuffle the cards thoroughly.

## **PLAYING THE GAME**

1. The **Dealer** deals 5 cards to each player.
2. Each player examines his/her hand and decides whether to discard any cards.
  - The player to the **Dealer's** left discards first.
  - Players may discard up to 3 cards.
  - The **Dealer** replaces the cards that each player discarded, starting with the player on his/her left.
3. After all players have had a chance to discard, the **Dealer** lays down his/her best headline. The goal is to get the highest points AND to construct a reasonable headline. Headlines may be funny and unbelievable but they must be structurally sound.
  - **Acceptable:** Blind Dog Weeps for Mayor
  - **Unacceptable:** Vaccine Tells on Blonde.If the majority of the players decide that a headline does not make sense, the player who laid the headline down must pick it up and submit a new headline.
4. If a player cannot make a headline, his/her score will be zero for that hand.
5. Exclusive cards double the value of any hand. Only one Exclusive Card may be player per hand.
6. The **Dealer** records each person's score.
7. After each hand, the player to the left becomes the new **Dealer**, taking all of the cards from the last hand and shuffling them back into the deck before dealing a new hand to each player.