

Off Shoots

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**My name is Lassie.
Derived from Eleaza.
That means god is supposed to help
And he does. I enjoy a balanced diet,
and fun training sessions. On the TV set
I rescue people with whom
I share a scent bond, mostly my boy owner.
I have ESP.
At his house I am loved for my guard dog
bristling usefulness.
After the show, my handler
brushes my time consuming hair.
I'm spoiled rotten.
When I sleep, I lick blood from
the lion I killed in the Sahara.
Let's admit it. Blood is blood
and I like blood.
I have generated many popular
TV crime series.**

