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Aristotle says: “Some animals have two feet, some have four feet and some have more feet, but none have an odd number of feet.”

If this sounds like Dr. Seuss, you are starting to get the hang of Aristotle and if you have to object: hey wait a minute, a dog can be born with three legs and a person with only one,” then you are losing the hang of Aristotle. You are forgetting about *skhedon*.

Everything Aristotle says must be taken with a dash of *skhedon*. Sometimes Aristotle sprinkles the *skhedon* on himself; sometimes he leaves it for us to add. *Skhedon* means “I am speaking generally, don’t trouble me with counter examples.” To understand Aristotle, you must remember that what he says is not True, with a capital T; it is more or less true, most of the time, generally speaking.