

Solution Explanation for Mad Dog Cryptics #3

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1. Container – LIGHTHEADEDNESS (faint feeling) is HEADED (went) inserted into LIGHTNESS (state of illumination)
9. Reversal – TICTAC (a mint) is a reversal (swapped) of TACTIC (a ploy)
10. Anagram – INSANE (crazy) is an anagram (crazy) of SIENNA
11. Homophone – TREKS (safaris) sound like (roar like) T REX
13. Reversal – EDO (old Tokyo) is a poem (ODE) read left to right (read like Japanese)
14. Charades – TIN (canister) holds 2/3 of a TV canine (RIN TIN TIN)
16. Beheading – HIED (rushed) then briefly (remove the S) from a flinched (SHIED)
17. Homophone – RAISE (hike) sounds like (within earshot) of beams (RAYS)
18. Beginnings – GIRL (she) is composed of the first letters (from the start) of Good In Real Life
19. Letter Bank – LAST BUT NOT LEAST (finally, the star of the show) with characters from US NOTABLES
23. Cryptic Alphabet – HOFFA (end zone buried guy) is high (H) added to OFFAL with the L cut off (not low)
26. Anagram – STREAM (watch a Netflix movie) is an anagram (a mix) of MASTER
27. Hidden Words – LETHAL (causing death) in a ballet HALL
28. Hidden Words – UTERI (wombs) caught in minute Riddles
29. Endings and Cryptic Alphabet – CAVERN (grotto) is CAVE (to give in) with RN (registered nurse)
30. Homophone – SERIAL (a top podcast) sounds like (heard) CEREAL (Cap'n Crunch)
31. Container – CHIFFON (lemon pie) with FFO (back off) inserted in CHIN
32. Charades – PSYCHIC (medium) is PSY (K-pop star) and CHIC (elegant)

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2. Hidden Words – IBIS (wader) is hidden in hIBIScus
3. Anagram – HATRED (lack of affection and love) is an anagram (confusing) of DEARTH
4. Double Definition – HECTOR HUGH MUNRO (old witty Brit) whose pen name was SAKI
5. Anagram – ARTESIAN (well) is an anagram (stir) of TEARS IN A
6. Anagram – EXISTENTIALISTS (Kierkegard's followers) is an anagram (changed) of ALIENIST'S TEXT IS
7. Anagram – NOSING (phishing) is an anagram (random) of SIGNON
8. Beheading and Cryptic Alphabet – SYNC (match up) is NSYNC with the N (no) removed (less)
12. Beginning and Cryptic Alphabet – WHOLE (intact) is W (winning) added to HOLE (opening)
15. Beginning and Cryptic Alphabet – FLUTE (a woodwind) is the letter F (full) added to LUTE (stringed instrument)
20. Double definition – TONE DEAF is (insensitive) and TONE DEAF is (having a tin ear)
21. Anagram – ESOTERIC (arcane) is an anagram (alloy) of TIE SCORE
22. Container – ATTACH (connect) TAC (a climbing CAT – this is a vertical answer) in a mix of the letters (bad) in HAT
24. Double Definition – FEELS (senses) and FEELS (emotions)
25. Hidden Words – WASABI (hot sauce) can be found (consumer) in (he WAS A Big)

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