

# AKC Public Education: Programs and Resources for Educators

# AKC Public Education's Mission

AKC Public Education teaches and promotes responsible dog ownership and fosters participation in the world of purebred dogs. Outreach programs and publications explain how to ever-strengthen the invaluable human-canine bond.

# Educator Resources

- Lesson plans (K-12) in all subject areas. These lessons aim to engage and educate students in the curriculum while also introducing them to information about purebred dogs.

Time to Complete Fast CAT 100 yard dash

Breed	Time in seconds	Speed (use equation $d=st$ )
Whippet	5.68	
Welsh Terrier	9.74	
Pug	11.36	
Newfoundland	8.9	
Dachshund	8.9	
Australian Cattle Dog	7.3	
Basset Hound	12.79	
Beagle	8.2	
Rat Terrier	7.58	
Yorkshire Terrier	10.76	
Greyhound	5.53	
Great Dane	6.39	
German Shepherd Dog	7.3	



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### Learning Objectives

Students will demonstrate an understanding of cellular respiration as it relates to dogs and create a model representation.

### Grade Levels

9-12

### Next Generation Science Standards

HS-LS1-7: Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed, resulting in a net transfer of energy.




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### Learning Objectives

Students will learn how to break apart new words into syllables using dog breed names and will write sentences about the dog breeds.

### Grade Levels

K-2

### English Language Arts Common Core Standards

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.3.D  
Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables

# AKC Character Education

- The goal of this program is to provide schools with a quality character education program that results in measurable improvement in student behavior and peer relationships.
- Students learn about 12 different breeds and how they relate to vital character traits.
- All resources for this program are provided, including:
  - Teacher implementation guide
  - All unit and lesson plans
  - Family letter
  - Printable certificate



## AKC Canine Character Education: Teacher Implementation Guide

### About the Program

#### What is the AKC Canine Character Education Program?

The AKC Canine Character Education Program is a complete character education unit that can be utilized in any educational setting, but is best utilized in a K-6 classroom. The goal of this program is to provide schools with a quality character education program that results in measurable improvement in student behavior and peer relationships.

#### Why should you use it in your classroom?

Studies show that students who engage in an effective character education program demonstrate better behavior and improved academic performance. A study by Leming (1993) indicated that there was a reduction in disciplinary problems in schools where character education programs were in effect as compared to schools without a program. Additionally, a study by Benninga, Berkowitz, Kuehn, & Smith (2003) found that schools with higher total character education implementation tended to have higher scores on academic measures for the year prior to the application, the year of the application and the subsequent two years.



### Character Pre/Post Assessment

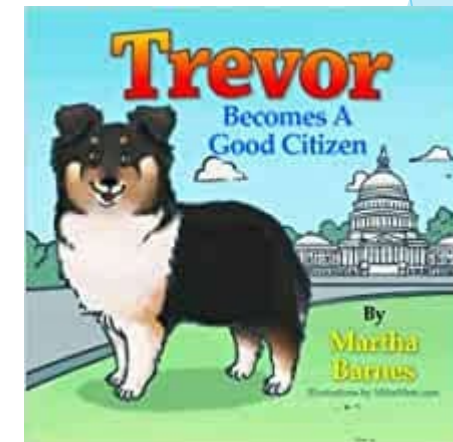
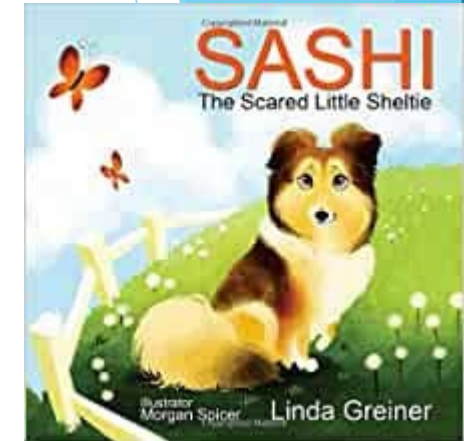
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Directions: Fill in the following chart with as much information as possible.

Character Trait	What does it mean?	How can you show this trait?	How does the dog show this trait?
Bravery			
Determination			
Kindness			
Loyalty			
Resilience			
Self-Control			
Trustworthiness			

# Book Studies

- ▶ AKC Public Education partners with book authors in order to provide educators with unique lesson plans and activities that align with popular books about canines.
- ▶ Each fun, interactive lesson is aligned to Common Core curriculum.



# Activities and Resources for Exceptional Learners



- AKC Public Education offers many lessons and activities that are ideal for exceptional learners.
- We also offer suggestions for modifying lessons for exceptional learners for teachers and parents.
- All of the information and lessons can be found on our public education site on [AKC.org](https://www.akc.org/public-education).

# AKC Canine Clubs

- AKC Canine Clubs are an after school program designed for students in grades K-8.
- AKC Canine Clubs can be hosted by a teacher or group leader in any school or youth organization.
- Public Education provides all of the resources and lesson plans needed.
- Topics include:
  - Month 1- Intro to Canine Club
  - Month 2- Responsible Dog Ownership
  - Month 3- Careers in Dogs
  - Month 4- Dog Shows and Events



# AKC Canine Clubs-Community Dogs



- AKC Canine Clubs-Community Dogs is an after school program for students in grades 6-12. It is an advanced version of the original AKC Canine Clubs.
- This club focuses on teaching children about dog training and behavior.
- This curriculum is tailored to be presented by someone knowledgeable in dog training.
- AKC Public Education collaborated with a Princeton Student, Camden Olsen to create this curriculum. The content was adapted from her senior thesis.

# AKC PupPals Program



- The AKC PupPals Program provides people in need of uplifting with a message from a canine friend.
- Anyone is eligible to receive a video, including people who are struggling with an illness, the illness/death of a loved one (human or pet), who are missing a deployed loved one, or who are otherwise struggling through a difficult time.
- Dog owners are encouraged to send us videos of their canines, and all dogs are accepted into the program.

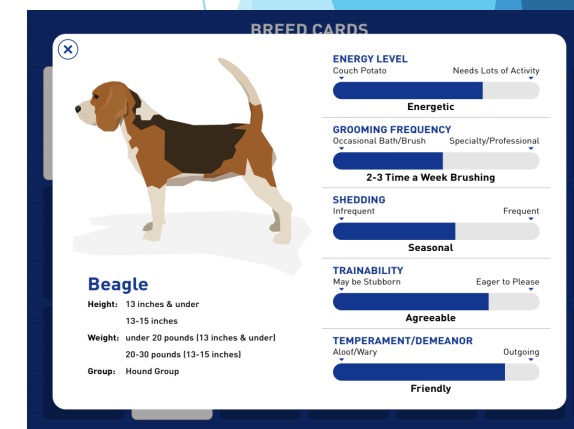
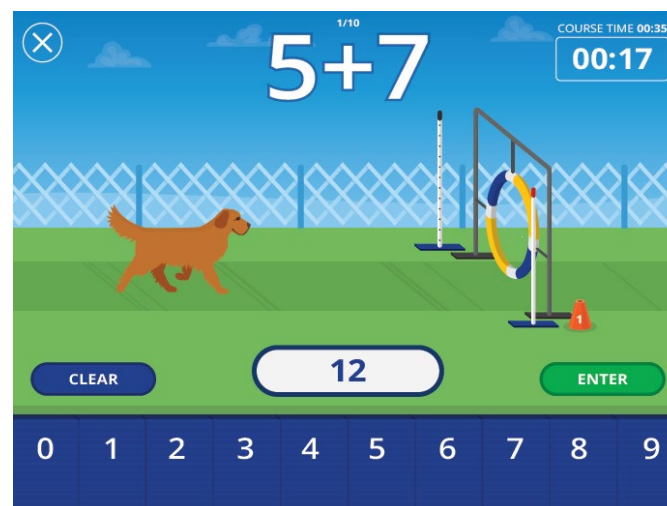
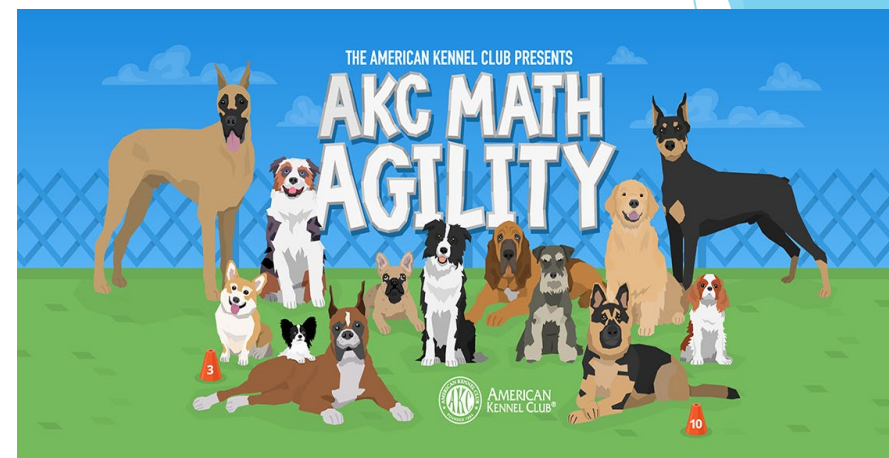
# AKC Breed of the Week for Kids

- AKC Public Education has introduced a new program for children ages 8-13, however anyone is welcome to participate!
- Provides participants with a new breed each week about which they can learn.
- Navigate through a variety of fun activities about the breed, before finally earning a sticker of the breed that they can add to their AKC Breed of the Week sticker chart!
- It is completely free to enroll, courses can be found on AKC Canine College.



# AKC Math Agility App

- Features math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Players will tour the country competing in AKC Agility events as they work their way to the AKC National Agility Championship.
- It is intended for children ages 5-8.
- Useful educational tool that will also create brand awareness among children, parents and teachers.
- Available for download on Apple and Android devices for \$2.99.



# AKC Canine and Me



- AKC Public Education has created a way to further involve young people in activities with their dogs.
- AKC Canine and Me is a program that invites teens (13 and older) and young adults to complete specific activities with their dog(s) and send a short video to AKC to show off their progress.
- Each month, we will provide participants with a brief introduction to each AKC sport and event and encourage them to try some basic elements of the sport/event.