

Breeds and Breed Characteristics

	Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
1	<p>Make a chart listing the 7 American Kennel Club (AKC) groups of dogs. After each group, list (1) the purpose of the group and (2) 5 breeds within each group. Of the 5 breeds listed within each group, decide which breed you like the best and tell why. Find a picture of each breed and learn to identify the breeds.</p>	<p>Select 5 breeds within each of the 7 American Kennel Club (AKC) groups of dogs and the Miscellaneous Class. Mark on a world map the countries where each of the breeds originated. On a chart, record these breeds and at least 2 statements about their origin and history. Find a picture of each breed and learn to identify the breeds.</p>	<p>Select 5 breeds within each of the 7 American Kennel Club (AKC) groups of dogs, and the Miscellaneous Class. Make a chart listing each breed, and include information about each breed's characteristics as follows: (1) General Appearance, (2) Head –(eyes, ears, skull, bite), (3) Neck and Topline, (4) Body, (5) Tail, (6) Legs, (7) Coat, (8) Color, (9) Height, (10) Weight, (11) Temperament. Based on your research, what are your top 5 breeds of choice and why?</p>
2	<p>Name the breed (or mixed breed) and describe the breed characteristics of your dog. If mixed, what breed does your dog most closely resemble? Locate on a map where your breed of dog originated. Watch a dog show on TV or online to learn more about your breed of dog (or the breeds making up your crossbred). Repeat this activity for other dogs in your family.</p>	<p>Visit an animal shelter. Identify the main breed and AKC breed group of each dog, including mixed breeds. How many dogs appeared to be purebred? For 5 of the mixed breed dogs, what breeds appear in their genetic makeup? Record your findings.</p>	<p>Attend a sanctioned dog show or watch a dog show on TV or online. Record (1) the names of the AKC breed groups in which dogs were shown, and (2) list the breeds shown within each group. List 5 questions you would like to ask the breeders, 5 questions you would like to ask the owners, and 5 questions you would like to ask the handlers.</p>
3	<p>Interview 1 person who owns a mixed breed dog and 1 person who owns a purebred dog. Identify the similarities and differences in their reasons for owning a purebred versus a mixed breed dog. Discuss how this might influence you when deciding on a breed/mixed breed dog.</p>	<p>Find 2 people you know who own mixed breed dogs and 2 people who own purebred dogs. Visit these dogs and record the appearance and temperament of each. Identify 3 advantages and 3 disadvantages of owning a mixed breed dog versus a purebred dog.</p>	<p>Research 7 crossbred "designer dogs." Of these 7 designer dogs, describe the characteristics of 5 of these crossbreeds, and tell why or why not you would like to own them. List 5 pros and 5 cons of the concept of designer dogs. Teach this information to 1 other person.</p>



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4	Using any kind of craft material, make a dog. Describe what breed or mix, its characteristics, and why you designed it that way.	Develop a new breed of dog. Describe how you would develop this breed and the function. Design this breed's characteristics including a picture or graphic of this new breed.	Develop a breed of dog. Describe how you would develop this breed, its function, and how to get it recognized by AKC or another kennel club. Design this breed's characteristics including a picture or graphic of this new breed.
5	Create a game to teach someone breeds of dogs. For this game select 5 breeds from each AKC group. Create your game so it is user friendly and reinforces learning as it is being played.	Learn about 10 rare breeds of dogs and/or breeds not recognized by AKC. Identify each breed's appearance, history, and use.	Learn about 20 rare breeds of dogs and/or breeds not recognized by AKC. Identify each breed's appearance, history, and use.

Parts and Conformation

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1	Learn 15 external parts of the dog. Show where these parts are on your dog. Tell why learning these parts is important.	Learn 25 external parts of the dog. Show where these parts are on your dog. Teach 5 other 4-H members these parts.	Set up a skillathon or activity station to teach youth the external parts of the dog. Refer to page 131 in your <i>Dog Resource Handbook</i> . Either use the External Anatomy poster from the Learning Laboratory Kit or design your own external anatomy poster and parts name tags for this activity.
2	Find pictures of dogs showing 3 types of ear carriages, 3 types of eye shapes, and 3 types of tail carriages. Identify each type of conformation listed above. Describe your dog's ear carriage, eye shape, and tail carriage.	Select 3 of the 7 AKC groups of dogs. Within those groups, select 3 breeds of dogs. For each breed identify that breed's bite, eye shape, ear carriage, tail carriage, and topline. Make a presentation of your selections to teach others.	Select 4 of the 7 AKC groups of dogs. Within those groups, select 5 breeds of dogs. For each breed identify that breed's bite, eye shape, ear carriage, tail carriage, and topline. Make a presentation of your selections to teach others.
3	Learn 15 internal parts of the dog. Name 2 functions of each internal body part. Tell why learning these parts is important.	Learn 25 internal parts of the dog. Name 2 functions of each internal body part. Show where these parts are on your dog.	Set up a skillathon or activity station to teach youth the internal parts of the dog. Refer to page 131 in your <i>Dog Resource Handbook</i> . Either use the Internal Anatomy poster from the Learning Laboratory Kit or design your own internal anatomy poster and parts name tags for this activity.
4	Find 3 dogs of the same breed. Create a chart to compare and contrast their structure. Include pictures.	Find 5 dogs of the same breed. Create a chart to compare and contrast their structure. Include pictures.	Attend a conformation show. Watch at least 4 classes and make notes about how dogs place and what you observed about structure.
5	Create your own diagram showing the external parts of a dog. Explain your diagram to 3 other 4-H members.	Create a game or activity to teach someone else about the parts of a dog. Play this at a club meeting.	Create a game or activity to teach someone else about the parts of a dog. Play this at a club meeting.



Daily Care (Feeding, Grooming, Exercise)



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1	Determine how much it will cost to feed your dog for 1 year. Include the cost of your dog's current feed and treats. Document this on a spreadsheet or chart.	Determine how much it will cost to feed your dog for 1 year. Include the cost of your dog's current feed and treats. Repeat the activity looking at 3 different types of dog foods. Use the information on the label or contact the manufacturer if needed. Remember, different brands can have different feeding amounts and bags of food are different sizes.	Create a dog care budget to determine how much it will cost to care for your dog for 1 year. Include in this budget dog food, treats, veterinary expenses, grooming, licensing fees, any supplies or equipment needed (collars, leashes, bowls, etc.). Help 5 other youth create a dog care budget.
2	Demonstrate how to brush your dog's teeth, clean your dog's ears, trim your dog's toenails, and properly brush your dog.	Demonstrate how to brush your dog's teeth, clean your dog's ears, trim your dog's toenails, and properly brush your dog. Teach 1 other person how to do the same type of grooming of his/her dog.	Learn the type of grooming needed to prepare your dog's breed for the show ring (or the breed that your dog most resembles). Find an opportunity to learn the basics of how to do this grooming.
3	Keep an exercise log for 1 week. Modify the plan as needed for your dog. Then keep an exercise log for another week and compare the two.	Keep an exercise log for 3 weeks. Modify the plan as needed for your dog each week and compare at completion.	Keep an exercise log for 6 weeks. Modify the plan as needed for your dog each week and compare at completion.
4	On 3 different days, keep track of how much time your dog spends doing different activities (eating, sleeping, training, playing, in his crate, in the yard, etc). Display the information in a chart or graph.	On 5 different days keep track of how your dog spends his time. Have at least 8 different categories. Create a chart or graph for each of the days.	On 7 different days keep track of how your dog spends his time. Have at least 10 different categories. Create a chart or graph for 2 of the days and a chart or graph for the average amounts of time.
5	Find a groomer or another person to teach you how a dog of your breed or breed type is typically groomed. Describe either by listing or with pictures of the grooming tools used.	Find a groomer or another person to teach you how a dog of your breed or breed type is typically groomed. Describe the purpose of each grooming tool used.	Shadow a groomer for part of 1 day to learn the importance of grooming, equipment and tools the groomer uses, breed of dogs groomed, etc. Document your experience.

Health

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1	<p>Complete the following dog health records on speakingforspot.com/index.php?p=Advocacy-Aids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Contact Info • Current Health Issues • Health History Form • Current Medications • Contingency Plan • Veterinary Office Visit 	<p>Complete the following dog health records on speakingforspot.com/index.php?p=Advocacy-Aids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Contact Info • Current Health Issues • Health History Form • Current Medications • Contingency Plan • Veterinary Office Visit 	<p>Complete the following dog health records on speakingforspot.com/index.php?p=Advocacy-Aids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Contact Info • Current Health Issues • Health History Form • Current Medications • Contingency Plan • Veterinary Office Visit
2	<p>Do at least 3 practice veterinary exams at home. Reward your dog throughout the practice. If your veterinarian allows, go on at least 1 practice visit to your vet clinic to have your dog eat treats and relax in the waiting room before going home.</p>	<p>Do at least 4 practice veterinary exams at home. Reward your dog throughout the practice. Get someone else to help play the vet role for at least 3 more exams. If your veterinarian allows, go on at least 1 practice visit to your vet clinic to have your dog eat treats and relax in the waiting room before going home.</p>	<p>Do at least 5 practice veterinary exams at home. Reward your dog throughout the practice. Get someone else to help play the vet role for at least 3 more exams. If your veterinarian allows, go on at least 1 practice visit to your vet clinic to have your dog eat treats and relax in the waiting room before going home.</p>
3	<p>Weigh your dog weekly for 4 weeks. Keep a record of the weights. Note any changes and why the changes may have occurred.</p>	<p>Weigh your dog weekly for 6 weeks. Keep a record of the weights. Note any changes and why the changes may have occurred.</p>	<p>Weigh your dog weekly for 8 weeks. Keep a record of the weights. Use past health records to look at your dog's weight. Note any changes and why the changes may have occurred.</p>
4	<p>Attend a yearly veterinary appointment with your dog. Talk to your vet about what vaccinations and other routine care needs to be done.</p>	<p>Attend a yearly veterinary appointment with your dog. Talk to your vet about what vaccinations and other routine care needs to be done.</p>	<p>Attend a yearly veterinary appointment with your dog. Talk to your vet about what vaccinations and other routine care needs to be done.</p>



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With the help of an adult in your household, take this behavior health quiz and discuss what training or additional help your dog needs.

animalbehaviorassociates.com/quiz_dog.htm

Discuss any additional challenge areas or situations where your dog displays anxiety.

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Welfare

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1	Research and list what your dog must have to be well cared for (food, shelter, etc.) Outline how you are meeting those requirements or if you need to improve upon meeting those needs.	Survey 3 friends who are dog owners and ask what signs of stress they observe in their own dog and in other dogs. Compare this to your research and the information in your <i>Dog Resource Handbook</i> .	Create a game or activity to teach others how to recognize signs of fear and stress in dogs. Find an opportunity to do the game or activity with at least 10 people.
2	With the help of an adult, find 5 scenarios where a dog is not being well cared for and decide what your best response would be. Role play the scenarios.	With the help of an adult, find 7 scenarios where a dog is not being well cared for and decide what your best response would be. Role play the scenarios with at least 2 other people.	Design a facility to house 10 dogs. Explain why you designed the facility as such — ventilation, flooring, lighting, storage, grooming area, exercise area, etc.
3	Create a list of behaviors that dogs exhibit when stressed, and a list of behaviors your dog exhibits when stressed. Be as specific as possible. List at least 15 behaviors.	Create a list of behaviors that dogs exhibit when stressed, and a list of behaviors your dog exhibits when stressed. Be as specific as possible. List at least 20 behaviors.	Create a list of at least 20 behaviors that dogs exhibit when stressed, and a list of behaviors your dog exhibits when stressed. Be as specific as possible. Then list calming (displacement) behaviors to reduce the stress behaviors.
4	Create a list of behaviors that are normal/natural for dogs, and appropriate ways for your dog to be able to practice these behaviors. List at least 5 behaviors. Example: natural behavior of chasing animal. Appropriate option: chasing a toy on a rope.	Create a list of behaviors that are normal/natural for dogs, and appropriate ways for your dog to be able to practice these behaviors. List at least 10 behaviors. Example: natural behavior of chasing animal. Appropriate option: chasing a toy on a rope.	Create a list of behaviors that are normal/natural for dogs, and appropriate ways for your dog to be able to practice these behaviors. List at least 15 behaviors. Example: natural behavior of chasing animal. Appropriate option: chasing a toy on a rope.
5	With the help of an adult, research “enrichment” for dogs and find 4 new ways you can provide enrichment for your dog. Make notes about which activities your dog liked and which ones he did not. enrichment.org/	With the help of an adult, research “enrichment” for dogs and find 6 new ways you can provide enrichment for your dog. Make notes about which activities your dog liked and which ones he did not. enrichment.org/	Research “enrichment” for dogs. Find 8 new ways to provide enrichment for your dog. Make notes about what your dog likes and what he doesn’t like. Create a booklet, poster, or some other educational tool to share the information with other dog owners. enrichment.org/

