Sporting Dogs—This group features alert sporty dogs such as spaniels, retrievers, pointers, and setters. These dogs are often used by hunters to find and retrieve game, or as fun family dogs that love to play fetch with a ball. They are high energy and love outside exercise.

Name a breed that helps hunters in the field:

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Terriers—Small, close to the ground (as their name suggests, “terra” is Latin for earth) and strong diggers. Originally bred to dig burrowing animals from their dens, terriers have turned into feisty, active dogs. The Fox Terrier, Jack Russell, and Miniature Schnauzer are examples of this breed group.

Can you name another breed in this group?

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Toys—Much like their name implies, toy dogs are good lap dogs. Little in size, but big in personality, toy dogs like the Chihuahua, Maltese, and Pekingese are more suited to apartment living.

Name a dog that is so small it fits in a women’s handbag:

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Working Dogs—You’ll find these dogs doing things like pulling sleds, or guarding people and livestock. Like some herding dogs and hounds, working dogs do police work too. They need good training, are quick to learn, and can be good friends. You’ll find St. Bernards in this group, as well as Doberman Pinschers, Newfoundlands, and Great Pyrenees.

What breeds of dogs are especially good at pulling sleds?

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The AKC recognizes three colors for Labrador Retrievers: black, yellow, and the color of this dog—chocolate.

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel was a favorite of King Charles II of England, who was crowned in 1661. This beautiful chestnut and white coat is called the Blenheim color.

According to *The Everything Dog Book*, the Molossian was the first dog of war. Large, strong, and fearless, the Greeks used this early ancestor of the Mastiff during a cavalry charge. Mastiffs are in the AKC Working Group.

This puppy with large paws is a blue Great Dane, which is the 15th most popular breed of dog in the U.S.