

# Dog Breeds Game

## GOAL

Students and families will learn about dog breeds, then play a game of charades or Pictionary to test their knowledge.

## OBJECTIVE

Students will understand that dogs have fascinating diversity in appearance, behavior, skills, etc.

They will creatively express through actions or drawings what they have learned about particular breeds.

## MATERIALS

- Computer (laptop/desktop is ideal, but tablets will also work)
- PowerPoint (provided by AHS)
- For Pictionary: large paper and markers, or whiteboard and dry erase markers
- Minimum of two players

## ACTIVITY

### How to play charades:

1. Players read over the PowerPoint slides to gain knowledge of dog breeds. Elect one person to read or alternate back and forth. You may want to review the slides multiple times before beginning the game.

Options for slide viewing: players gather around a laptop/desktop or connect to a TV for easier viewing.

2. After reviewing the slides, nominate someone to go first. Player one will select a breed from the slides to act out. Hint: players can go back to slides to refresh their memory!

Before they begin to act out the breed, return to the slide with the list of all 10 or 20 breeds to help remind the guessers of their options. Keep the screen visible during the game.

3. Players will take turns acting out features of the breed (appearance, history, temperament, role with humanity, etc.).

For example:

- Appearance: act out stripes, fluffy lion mane, wrinkles, webbed toes, etc.
- History: any historical event that could be acted out (St. Bernards saving lives, Greyhounds living in ancient Egypt, Dalmatians riding with horses, Plott Hounds hunting bears).
- Role with humanity: military, hunting, tracking, retrieving, pulling sleds, catching vermin.

4. When someone guesses the breed correctly, they become player two.

5. Score can be kept if desired. Every time someone guesses correctly, they earn one point. You can divide into teams, or simply have everyone be their own team.
6. Game can be played for as long or as short as desired. Play two rounds or ten!
7. Options:
  - For younger players, consider including only the first 10 breeds. A break is included in the slides for this option.
  - For older players who want a challenge, continue past the first 10 and review all 20 breeds before starting the game.
  - For variety, research your own favorite dog breeds.

### **How to play Pictionary:**

1. Follow the charades steps from 1-2.
2. Replace acting with drawing. Draw what the dog looks like, or some skill it has, where it came from, etc.
3. Consider taping the drawing paper on the wall, securing to a stand, or utilizing a white board for easy viewing.
4. When someone guesses the breed correctly, they become the next player.
5. Follow the charades steps from 5-7.

### **Optional Extensions:**

- For variety, research your own favorite dog breeds.
- Create PowerPoint slides (add more slides to the game to make it more challenging).
- Make a poster.
- Choose one breed to research their history and create a timeline.
- Draw pictures of your favorite breeds.