

Sniff and Find

Welcome to the show! At an all-breed dog show you see purebred dogs of many shapes and sizes getting ready to enter the show ring in hopes of winning the coveted title of Best in Show. The AKC recognizes more than 150 breeds of dogs. Sniff around and see what you can find.

Tip: Ask questions! But please wait until handlers have finished an event before asking questions because they may be concentrating on presenting a dog in the show ring. Also, always be sure to ask permission before petting a dog!



Dog's muzzles, ears, and tails come in all shapes and sizes.

A muzzle is a dog's face beneath the eyes. It includes the nose and jaw. Name each breed you find with:

1. a long slender muzzle



2. a flat muzzle



Dogs' sensitive ears enable them to hear sounds we can't. Name each breed you find with:

3. erect ears that point upward



4. long ears that hang down below its muzzle

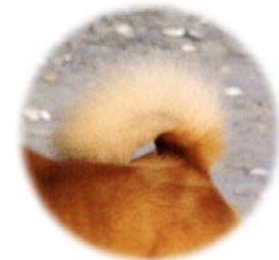


Dogs' tails show emotion. A wagging tail indicates happiness. Name each breed you find with:

5. a tail that points straight up



6. a tail that curves over its back



7. Groomers use a variety of tools to prepare dogs for competition in the show ring. Can you find a groomer grooming a dog? Check some grooming tools you see a groomer using.

- brush
- comb
- stripping knife
- spray bottle
- Hound glove
- electric clippers
- blow dryer



8. Handlers keep their dogs safe and under control during a dog show. Can you find a dog on a leash or in a crate? Name several breeds that you see safe and under control.

9. When a dog competes in a dog show, it has a chance to win ribbons in these categories: Winners, Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Group, and Best in Show. Notice the color of show ribbons. Check some ribbons you see.

- Best of Winners (blue and white)
- Reserve Winner (purple and white)
- Best of Opposite Sex (red and white)
- Best of Breed (purple and gold)
- Best in Show (red, white, and blue)



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10. Notice the AKC signs and banners hanging at a dog show. Where do you see the AKC logo?

We hope you had fun sniffing around the dog show and discovered what makes the sport of purebred dogs so much fun!