



## Large Group Activities

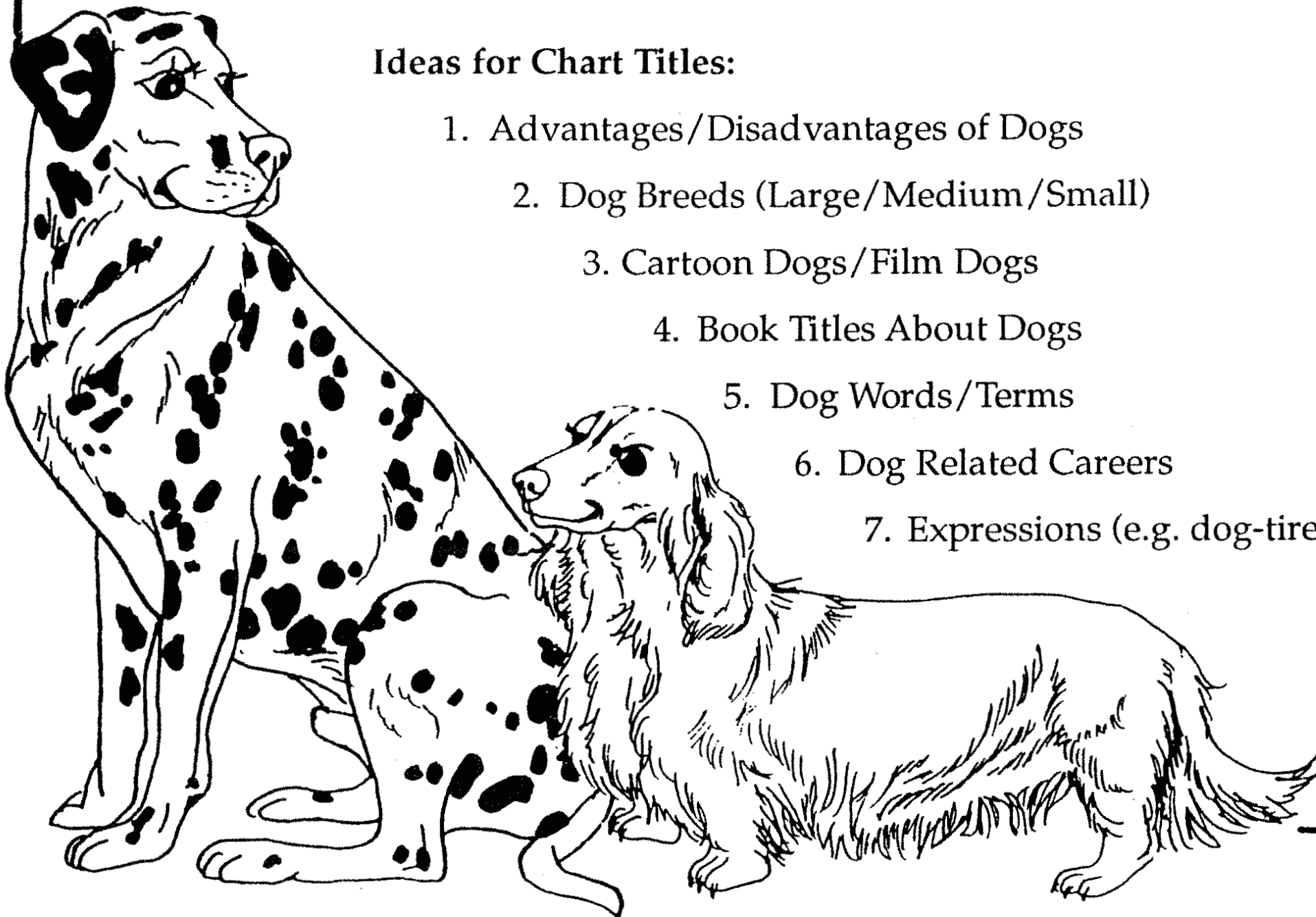
Integrate these activities with a reading program about dogs. This program could include novel studies, individualized reading or stories from readers.

The following activities involve teacher input and give the students the opportunity to share their knowledge and ideas.

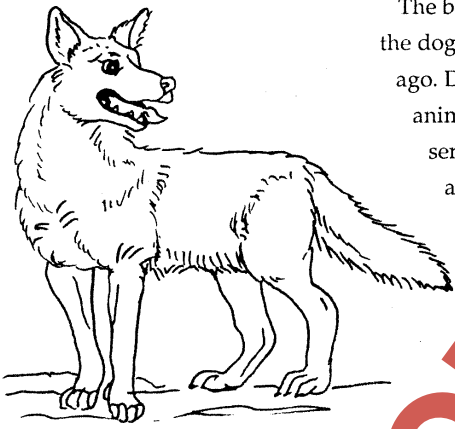
1. Introduce the unit by developing a flow chart of topics about dogs. What do the students wish to learn about dogs? Involve them in the planning of the unit (see sample flowchart).
2. Throughout the unit brainstorm with the class what they already know about dogs. Develop charts and put them up around the classroom for the students to refer to.

### Ideas for Chart Titles:

1. Advantages/Disadvantages of Dogs
2. Dog Breeds (Large/Medium/Small)
3. Cartoon Dogs/Film Dogs
4. Book Titles About Dogs
5. Dog Words/Terms
6. Dog Related Careers
7. Expressions (e.g. dog-tired)



## The First Dogs



The beginning of man's partnership with the dog dates back to about 10,000 years ago. Dogs were the first domesticated animals. They were man's first animal servant. Dogs helped hunt down game and aided in the killing of man's enemies.

They have been man's sentry, his guard. They have rescued man from fire, flood, desert's heat and snow's freezing cold. They have willingly given up their lives to save man and that which belonged to man.

The dog belongs to a group of animals known as the Canidae family, which includes foxes, coyotes, jackals and wolves. It is now believed that the dog is descended from the wolf.

Since man's first association with dogs, he has changed the size, shape and nature of the dog to suit his needs. Because of these changes, there are today about 120 pure breeds of dog recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club. In addition, there are many dogs of mixed ancestry called mongrels. These dogs have inherited a wide variety of useful traits and talents, as well as many unflattering names such as pooch, kyoodle, cur and mutt.

Dog breeds are divided into six groups:

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| 1. Sporting Dogs | 4. Terriers          |
| 2. Hounds        | 5. Non-sporting Dogs |
| 3. Working Dogs  | 6. Toy Dogs          |

## Working Dogs

- Akita
- Alaskan Malamute
- Australian Cattle Dog
- Bearded Collie
- Belgian Sheepdog
- Bernese Mountain Dog
- Bouvier des Flandres
- Boxer
- Briard
- Bullmastiff
- Collie (2 breeds)
- Doberman Pinscher
- Eskimo
- German Shepherd
- Great Dane
- Great Pyrenees
- Karelian Bear Dog
- Komondor
- Kuvasz
- Mastiff
- Newfoundland
- Old English Sheepdog
- Puli
- Rottweiler
- St. Bernard
- Samoyed
- Schnauzer (2 breeds)
- Shetland Sheepdog
- Siberian Husky
- Welsh Corgi (2 breeds)



## Recognized Groups of Dogs by the Canadian Kennel Club



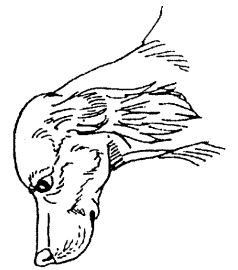
## Hound Dogs

- Afghan Hound
- Basset Hound
- Basset Hound
- Beagle
- Bloodhound
- Borzoi
- Coonhound
- Dachshund (6 breeds)
- Deerhound (Scottish)
- Drever
- Finnish Spitz
- Foxhound (American)
- Foxhound (English)
- Greyhound
- Harrier
- Norwegian Elkhound
- Otterhound
- Pharaoh Hound
- Rhodesian Ridgeback
- Saluki
- Whippet
- Wolfhound (Irish)



## Sporting Dogs

- Griffon
- Pontor (4 breeds)
- Pudelpointer
- Retriever (6 breeds)
- Setter (3 breeds)
- Spaniel (10 breeds)
- Vizsla
- Weimaraner



## Caring for Dogs



A pet dog needs regular feeding and exercise. Give your dog a balanced diet and avoid sweet things.

Start to 'wean' a pup from his mother at about three weeks of age. Give him soft foods and start with four meals a day. Then cut down to one or two meals a day at seven months.

The amount of food which adult dogs need depends on their weight, age, and the amount of exercise they get. Be sure to check a dog's weight regularly to keep him at a healthy weight.

A dog should be groomed every day. Start as a pup so he becomes used to it and looks forward to it every day. Daily grooming removes old, dead hair and reduces the amount of shedding (also called 'moulting'). It also prevents the hair from matting together. Some dogs such as Poodles and Terriers require special clipping every 6 to 8 weeks because they do not shed hair.

Use a dog or baby shampoo when bathing a dog. Dry the dog well and never let him outside in cold weather or he may get chilled.

Claws should be clipped regularly. It is better to clip a little, once a week, than a lot off at once. You may cut into the dog's quick. This is painful and will cause bleeding.

Teeth should be checked for any tartar that has built up on them. Remove it by scraping the tooth with a coin, or use a cotton swab and some toothpaste.

## Being a Dog Has Its Pros and Cons



List all the advantages and disadvantages you can think of if you were a dog.

Advantages	Disadvantages
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
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## Commercials for Canines

No doubt you have seen many different television commercials aimed at selling pet food. Write a TV commercial selling dog food.

Outline exactly what you would have in the commercial and how you would make the product appealing to dog lovers.

Morris the Cat! Move over because here comes a star!



## Canine Synonyms

Which dog breed best fits the following descriptive name?

1. Gentle Giant
2. Sad Eyes
3. Shaggy
4. Pepi Pipsqueak
5. Speed Demon
6. Digger
7. Sherlock Holmes
8. Wiener



## Make a list of:

- a) five dogs with short tails
- b) five dogs with long ears
- c) five dogs that are at home in the water
- d) five dogs known for their speed
- e) five dogs that must be clipped
- f) five dogs found where there's snow
- g) five very tall dogs
- h) five dogs with extremely short, stubby legs



## Choose a Topic

Research and write a brief note on any one of the following topics.

1. Training a Dog
2. Dog Diseases
3. Famous Dogs
4. Ways Dogs Communicate
5. Grooming a Dog
6. Life-Saving Dogs
7. Wild Relatives of the Dog
8. Seeing-Eye Dogs



## A Million Dollar Business

Aside from food and toys, there are now beauty salons and cemeteries for dogs. There are millions of dollars to be made each year from dogs. You just have to be the first to come up with an original, attractive idea for money spending dog lovers.

Describe your new product or idea which you hope will make you rich.



## Pooch Poster

Create a colourful, attractive poster illustrating the many contributions which dogs have made to man. Give it a catchy title.



## Breeding a Winner

Your job is to breed a new type of dog with a special job in mind.



1. What special purpose will your dog be bred for?
2. Which dog breeds will you crossbreed to get your required characteristics?
3. What would you name your new breed?
4. What would it look like? Draw a picture.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

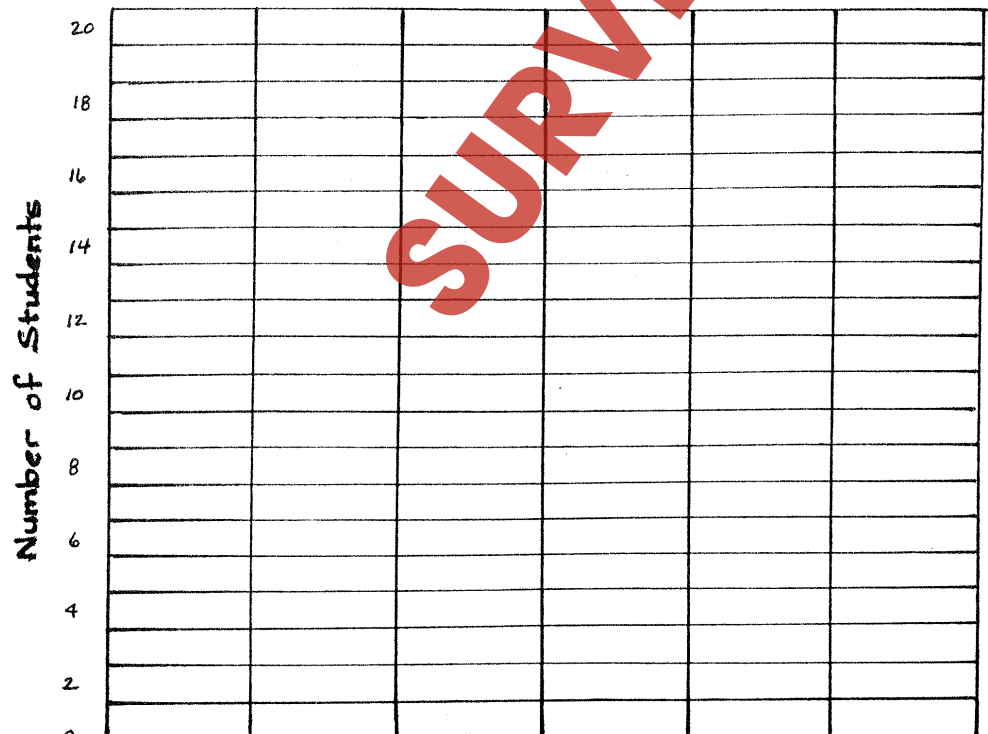


## Dog Survey



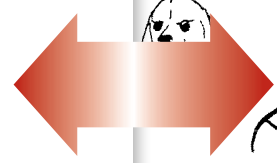
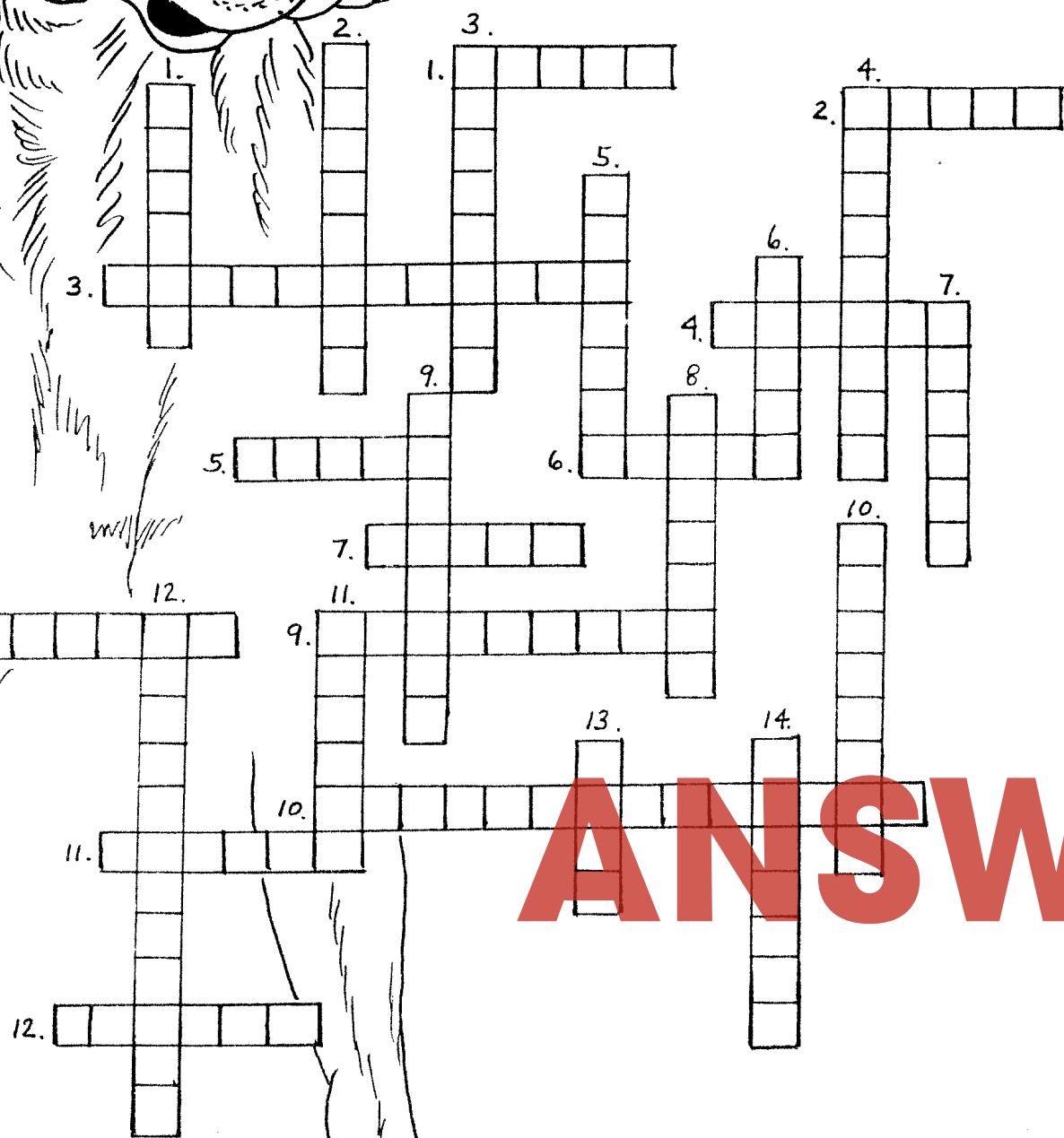
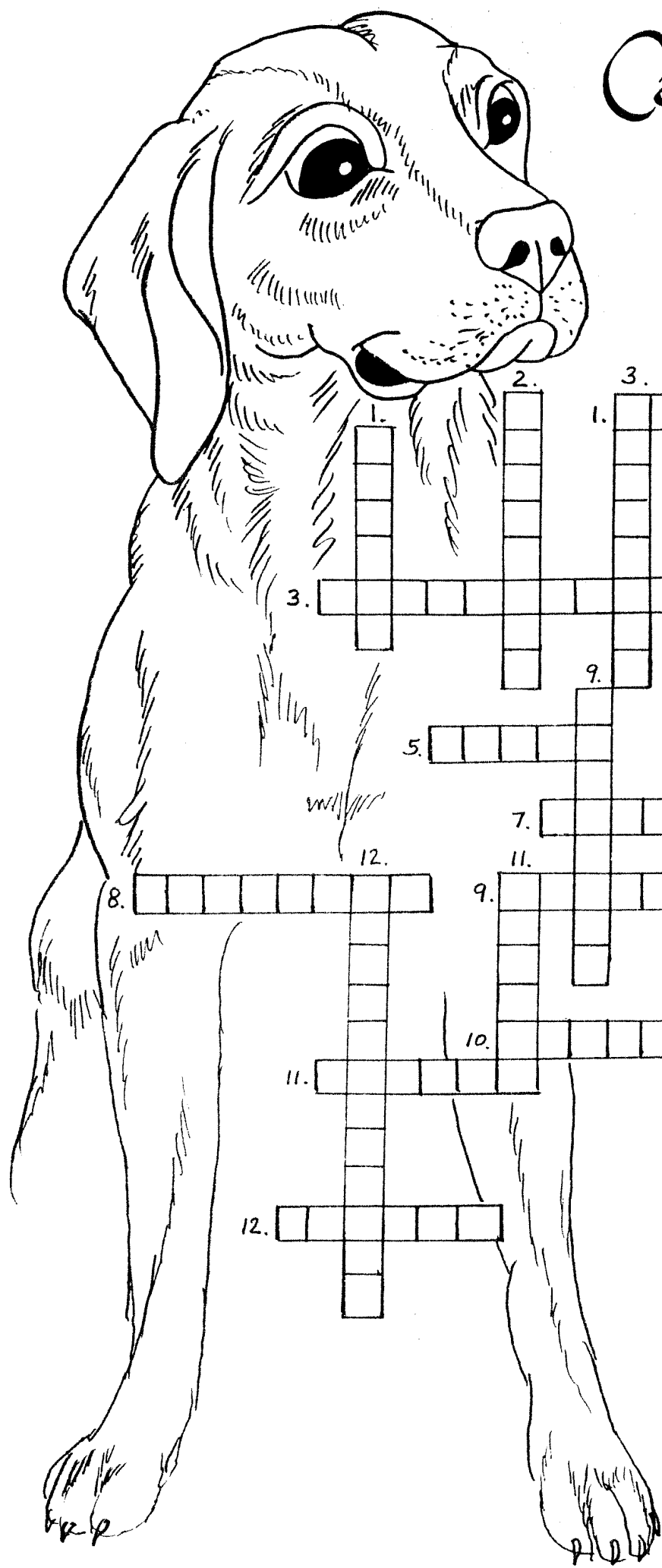
Choose six well known dog breeds and take a survey in the class to find students' preferences. Place a checkmark (✓) in a box each time one of the breeds is chosen. Colour the checked boxes for each dog. Make a bar graph.

Which breed is the most favourite and which is the least favourite?



Dog Breed

# Canine Crossword



**ANSWER KEY**

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