



## Chapter 2 – Breeds

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### Academic Summary

This chapter explores breed development and classification, emphasizing the American Kennel Club (AKC) grouping system. It explains how historical purpose influences structure, temperament, and working ability. Students learn to interpret breed standards as functional blueprints rather than aesthetic descriptions.

### Core Learning Objectives

- Identify the seven AKC breed groups and their purposes.
- Explain how function influences breed characteristics.
- Interpret the concept of a breed standard.
- Compare working, sporting, and companion breed traits.

### Key Vocabulary

- Breed Standard
- Sporting Group
- Hound Group
- Working Group
- Terrier Group
- Toy Group
- Non-Sporting Group
- Herding Group

### Conceptual Frameworks

- Form Follows Function Principle
- Functional Group Classification System
- Selective Breeding for Performance Traits