



Picturing Pets



Do animals have feelings? Create expressive “pet portraits” that show pets in a favorite environment. Read about famous animals who create expressive “pet portraits” that show pets in a favorite environment.

Use pictures of your pets or other favorite animals.

Initiate a discussion of pet behaviors. Do animals have emotions? Can they be happy, sad, lonely, mad, loving, etc? Ask the student(s) to support their opinions with examples of animal behaviors they have observed.

Remind them that animals are not usually one solid color, but a mixture of colors. Even a brown dog is not completely brown but a mixture of different browns, golds, and a little black and white.

Suggest that they use several different colors when drawing their pets.

Create titles for their portraits that say something about the pet’s mood.

