SPORTING GROUP: pointers, retrievers, setters and spaniels. Excellent instincts in water and woods, many used for hunting and other field activities, require a lot of exercise.
HERDING GROUP: The Herding Group, created in 1983, is the newest AKC group (formerly members of the Working Group). Able to control the movement of other animals. Many Herding dogs are household pets and never have contact with a farm animal. Pure instinct makes them gently herd their owners, especially the children of the family. In general, this group is very smart, make excellent companions, and respond well to training exercises.
Coarsegold 4-H Dog Project, Jr. Leader: Elyjah Hussey (Emerald Star Project 2009)

**TOY GROUP:** Small and cute, popular with people without much living space.

- **Chihuahua**
- **Pug**
- **Pomeranian**
- **Toy Poodle**
- **Yorkshire terrier**
- **Papillon**
- **Pekingese**
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**NON-SPORTING GROUP:** Non-sporting dogs come in various shapes and sizes with different personalities and appearances. Chow Chow, Dalmatian, French Bulldog, and many more.

- Dalmation
- French Bulldog
- Chow Chow
- Bulldog
- Chinese Shar-Pei
- Standard poodle
- Lhapsa Apso
- Boston terrier
**TERRIER GROUP:** Feisty, energetic dogs whose sizes range from small to large. Ancestors were bred to hunt and kill vermin. Most terriers have wiry coats that require special grooming known as stripping to maintain a characteristic appearance.

- Scottish Terrier
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Airedale
- Bull Terrier
- West Highland White Terrier
- Bedlington Terrier
- Cairn Terrier
- Smooth Fox Terrier
HOUND GROUP: Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Norwegian Elkhounds, Afghans and Beagles, among others. Historically used for hunting, some have excellent sense of smell to follow a trail, others have great endurance, many different skills in this group. Some hounds make a unique sound known as baying.
WORKING GROUP: Doberman Pinscher, Siberian Husky and Great Dane, and more. They are bred to do jobs such as guarding property, pulling sleds and rescues. Quick learners, intelligent, capable animals make solid companions. Generally large size and strength, these dogs must be properly trained.
**Miscellaneous GROUP:** This group is any purebred dog which is not recognized by the AKC. With continued quality breeding and clear and categorical proof that a substantial, sustained nationwide interest and activity in the breed exists, it may be admitted to registration in the AKC Stud Book and the opportunity to compete in regular classes.

Treeing Walker Coonhound  
Leonberger  
Xoloitzcuintli

Icelandic Sheepdog

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