



Museum Access: AKC Museum of the Dog

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The AKC Museum of the Dog in New York is a must-see museum for every dog lover. It features world class canine art, plenty of interactive exhibits and more! Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

Question 1

Are you a dog person or a cat person or do you love both?

More Talking Points:

1. Do you think certain types of people like certain breeds?
2. Which breeds do you prefer?

Question 2

What is the difference between "purebred" dogs and "purpose bred" dogs?

More Talking Points:

1. Why do you think "purpose bred" might be a more accurate term?
2. How can people use breed AND purpose to find their best match?

Question 3

How have dogs been working for humans throughout history?

More Talking Points:

1. Why do you think dogs were well-suited for these jobs?
2. What do you think is involved in training dogs for these jobs?

Question 4

Why is canine art such a popular genre?

More Talking Points:

1. What do the historic paintings tell us about dogs and how they've changed?
2. Many people own artwork of their dogs. Do you or someone you know have a piece artwork of their pets? Describe it.

Question 5

How does the AKC determine the standards it uses for different breeds?

More Talking Points:

1. How do these standards help both the breeds and the owners?
2. Do you think there are any dangers in having standards like these? Why or why not?





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Question 6

Photographs of dogs have been popular since photography began. How did photographers get dogs to sit still for a photo?

More Talking Points:

1. How would *you* get a dog or other pet to sit still for photos?
2. Dog photos are still hugely popular today, especially on social media. What does this tell us about the owner/dog relationship?

Question 7

Dogs have been featured in many different films and television shows over the years. What is your favorite?

More Talking Points:

1. What are some things Hollywood dogs have in common?
2. If you were going to make a movie about a dog (maybe *your* dog), what would it be called and what would it be about?

Question 8

What are some of the things the AKC does to advocate for dogs?

More Talking Points:

1. Why is it important for organizations like the AKC to exist?
2. How do you take responsibility for *your* pets?

Question 9

Why is taking the time to properly train your dog so important?

More Talking Points:

1. What skills does a person need in order to successfully train a dog?
2. Have you ever trained a dog? What was it like?

Question 10

Why do you think dogs are called "man's best friend"?

More Talking Points:

1. What things do dogs provide people that other people can't?
2. How do dogs show their love for their owners?

