

"MY MIXED BREED DOG" ASSIGNMENT RUBRIC

Name: _____

Research and Selection	/4
Minimal effort: did not select two distinct breeds to combine.	1
Basic understanding: selected breeds without considering breed characteristics.	2
Adequate research: described and considered both reasons for breed choice and appropriate traits.	3
Thorough research: comprehensive research including lesser-known traits and historical/working context	4

Trait Identification	/4
Incomplete: failed to list two traits or consider relevance to lifestyle.	1
Basic knowledge: described two traits, did not consider relevance to lifestyle.	2
Clear understanding: described two traits and how they each benefit the animal.	3
Thorough understanding: outlined two unique breed characteristics, considered how they together would be advantageous.	4

Mix Design	/4
Minimal effort: rough sketch lacking creativity and resemblance to parent breeds.	1
Basic design: shows one trait, somewhat resembles parent breeds.	2
Balanced mix: clearly combines both traits, recognizable as a blend of breeds.	3
Artistic flair: thoughtful design, attention to detail, creative. Clearly resembles a mix of two breeds and both traits.	4

Presentation	/4
Incomplete: did not describe both breeds and traits, or reasoning behind choices.	1
Basic presentation: briefly listed both breeds and traits.	2
Effortful work: described breeds chosen, traits chosen, and choices were executed well.	3
Exceptional: thoroughly describes why each breed was chosen, why each trait was chosen, and how the traits in combination with one another would be advantageous to the animal.	4

Bonus Points: Mixed Breed Name	/2
Basic wordplay: provided a simple blend of breed names (ie. "Labradoodle")	1
Clever fusion: combination of terms relating to traits (ie. "Spotsador")	2

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