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## Artist Spotlight

### Sir Edwin Landseer

Born in 1802, Sir Edwin Landseer was a skilled painter and huge animal lover. He grew up in a big English family with six siblings and won art awards as early as thirteen years old. Landseer went to the famous art school in London, The Royal Academy of the Arts, and became a well-known artist by his twenties. His teachers told him to carefully study how dog bodies look including their muscles, facial expressions, and movement. By the late 1830s, Landseer became famous for his ability to paint dogs with great emotions. People loved his artwork because it highlighted the friendship between man and dog, as well as how human-like dogs' emotions can be. Landseer was so talented in his dog paintings that he eventually became the animal painter for Queen Victoria!

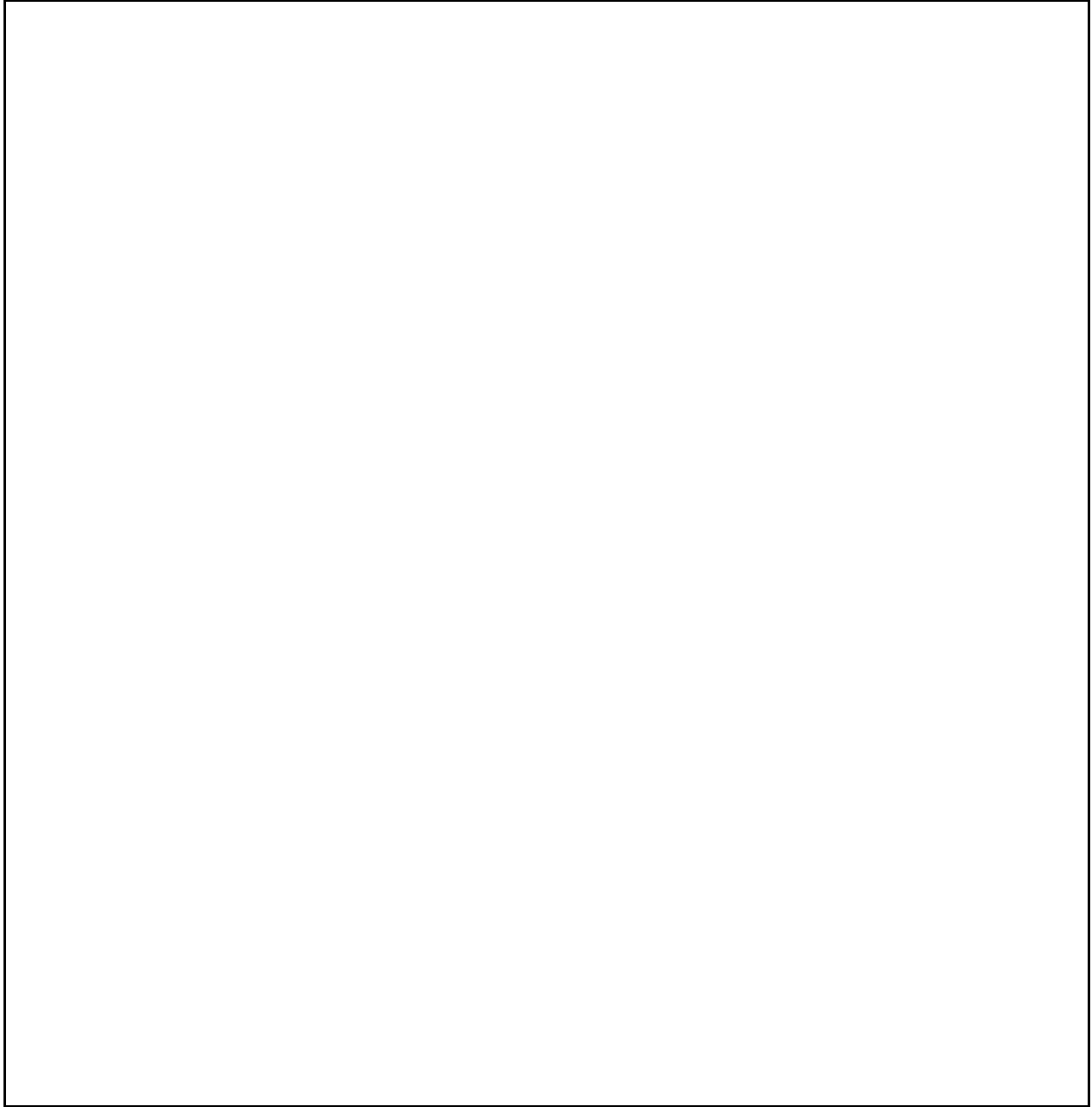
Below is an example of Sir Edwin Landseer's expressive dog paintings. Titled, *The Two Dogs*, this painting shows one dog caring for a wounded dog by licking his head. Notice how Landseer makes the wounded dog seem sad with the animal's eyes and body position. Now it is your turn! On the following page is a blank space for you to create your dog art. Just like Landseer, create an expressive scene with two dogs.



**Activity**

Draw a picture of two dogs and assign one emotion to each animal. You can imagine them doing anything like playing in a park, sleeping at home, or eating a treat. Keep in mind you can use the dog's body language and face to create emotions like Landseer.

*Example:* A dog with its tail between its legs can mean it's sad.



Which emotions did you draw?

1st Dog's Emotion \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Dog's Emotion \_\_\_\_\_





**Dog Breed:** Beagle

**Artwork:** *Windholme's Bartender*

**Artist:** Gustav Muss-Arnolt

**Fun Fact:** A beagle's ears are long enough to touch its nose. The ears can help the dog keep track of smells.



**Dog Breed:** Greyhound

**Artwork:** *Hound Near Stonehenge*

**Artist:** Edmund Bristow

**Fun Fact:** Greyhound is the fastest dog breed. Their paws have shock absorbing pads, which act like built in running shoes.

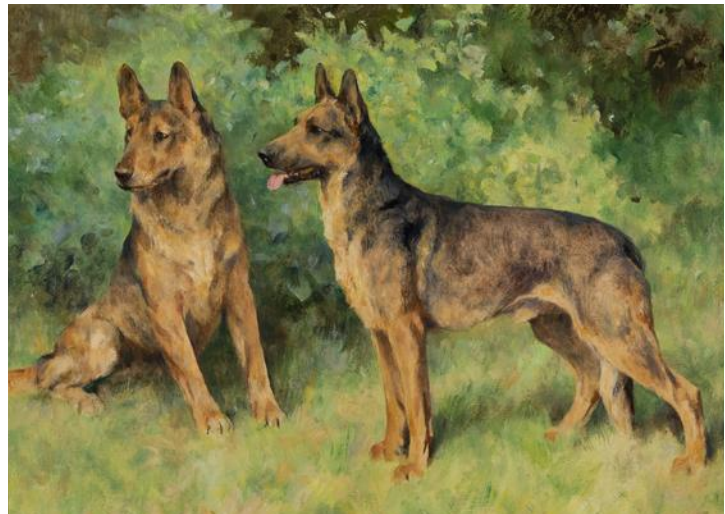


**Dog Breed:** Yorkshire Terrier (Yorkie)

**Artwork:** *Recumbent Yorkshire Terrier on Lawn*

**Artist:** A. E. Evan

**Fun Fact:** Yorkies have similar hair to humans, which makes it easy to tangle if kept long and unkept.



**Dog Breed:** German Shepherd Dog

**Artwork:** *Two Alsatians*

**Artist:** Arthur Wardle

**Fun Fact:** A German Shepherd Dog was rescued in France during World War I and became the famous movie star Rin Tin Tin.



**Dog Breed:** Afghan Hound  
**Artwork:** *Ch Asri Havid of Ghanzi, Sirdar of Ghanzi, Ch. West Mill Omar of Prides Hill*  
**Artist:** Frederick Thomas Daws  
**Fun Fact:** The Afghan is possibly the oldest purebred dog breed and were mountain dogs.



**Dog Breed:** Bichon Frise  
**Artwork:** *Bichon Frise Lying on a Red Pillow*  
**Artist:** Louis-Eugène Lambert  
**Fun Fact:** Since the 1200s, Bichon Frise could be seen in many royal courts across Europe.



**Dog Breed:** Siberian Husky  
**Artwork:** *They Opened the North Country*  
**Artist:** Fred Machetanz  
**Fun Fact:** Siberian Husky sled dogs were used by the U.S. Army for arctic search and rescue missions during World War II.



**Dog Breed:** French Bulldog  
**Artwork:** *French Bulldog*  
**Artist:** S. Raphael  
**Fun Fact:** French Bulldogs actually originate from England, and the popular companion of English lacemakers in Nottingham.

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## Move like a Dog

Have you ever noticed how a dog stretches, especially after napping or sitting around for a while? Stretch is really good for the body, both for humans and dogs, because it keeps the muscles strong and flexible. Let's try copying poses dogs do to keep the body healthy and active!

**Direction:** Copy the body positions in the images below, and hold the pose for 30 seconds. Feel free to repeat the series of positions as many times as you want (you can watch your own dog stretch and copy what they do too!).

1st Position: Sitting Butterfly



2nd Position: Mouse



3rd Position: Extended Puppy



4th Position: Sphinx



5th Position: Cobra



6th Position: Table Top



7th Position: Downward Dog



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## **Design Your Own Collar**

Owners have put collars on their dogs for centuries. One can know a lot about the dog and their owner based on the design of the collar. Some collars can be super fancy and decorative to show off the owner's style. Other collars reflect the work a dog might do, be it a spikey protective collar for a mountain dog or a collar with a job name on it like "Seeing Eye Dog".

Design one collar based on your style and then create another one based on a job a dog could have.

