



## Glossary

### *Dog shows*

have a language all their own.

Here are a few definitions to help you follow along:

**Baiting** – Liver or some other treat used to get a dog's attention.

**Exhibitor** – A person who enters a dog in a show.

**Fancier** – A person who is especially interested in purebred dogs.

**Gait** – The way a dog moves. Movement is a good indicator of structure and condition.

**Groom** – To brush, comb, trim, or otherwise make a dog's coat neat.

**Handler** – A person who takes a dog into the show ring.

**Heel** – A command to a dog to keep close beside its handler.

**Pedigree** – The written record of a dog's family tree of three or more generations. (Without one, a dog can't be in the show.)

**Points** – Credits earned towards a championship. (It takes 15 points to be a registered champion.)

**Stacking** – Posing the dog's legs and body to create a pleasing picture.

Source: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### **Did You Know?**

*44% of U.S. pet owners have purchased vacation souvenirs for their animal. (source: [www.mightydog.com](http://www.mightydog.com))*

*Dogs have been domesticated for over 12,000 years. (That's 48,015 in dog years!) (source: [www.mightydog.com](http://www.mightydog.com))*

*In a recent survey, more than half of pet owners said they would prefer a pet over another person on a deserted island. (source: [www.mightydog.com](http://www.mightydog.com))*