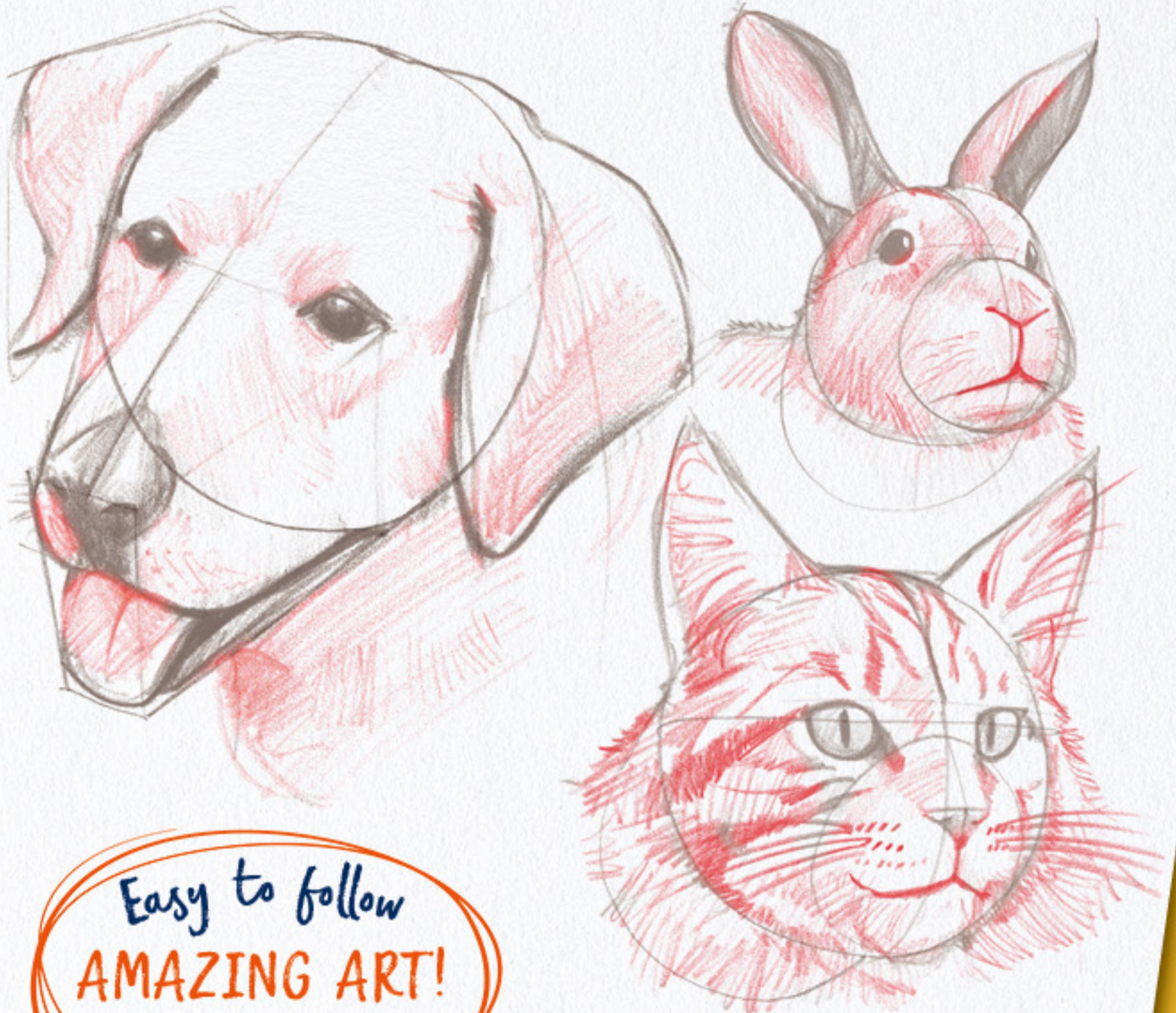


HOW TO DRAW

PETS



Easy to follow
AMAZING ART!
Step-by-step

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Heads, paws and claws

Pets have many different types of heads, paws and claws. Studying and sketching the detailed features of a pet will help you with your final drawings.



Quick pencil sketches can help you to understand the structure of paws and claws.



Look for areas where tone should be darker and also for changes of texture.



The more you study a subject and practise drawing it, the more accurate your drawings will become.



Try to capture as much detail as you can in your sketches.



Look carefully at the size and shape of the eyes, ears and nose. Note the length of the whiskers.



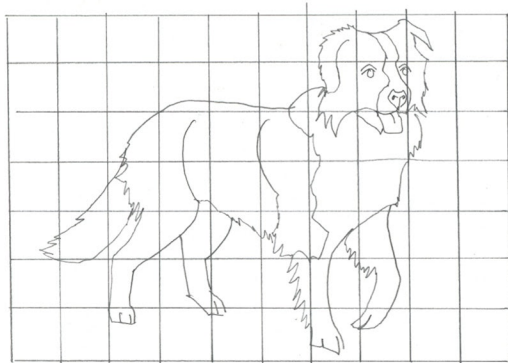
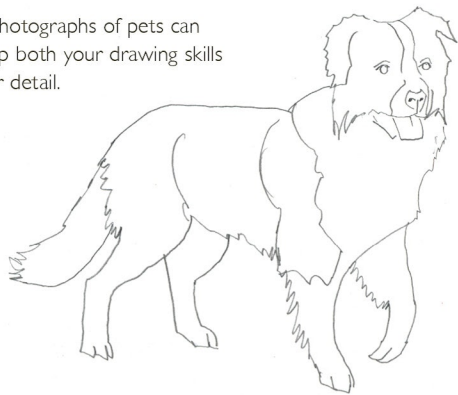
Always consider the light source and add tone to the darker areas.



Using photos

Drawing from photographs of pets can help you develop both your drawing skills and your eye for detail.

Make a tracing of a photograph and draw a grid of squares on it.

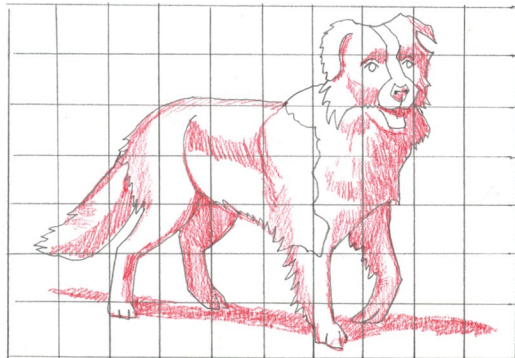


Now take a piece of drawing paper of the same proportions and draw another grid on it; either enlarging or reducing the square's size. You can now copy the shapes from each square of the tracing to the drawing paper, using the grid to guide you.

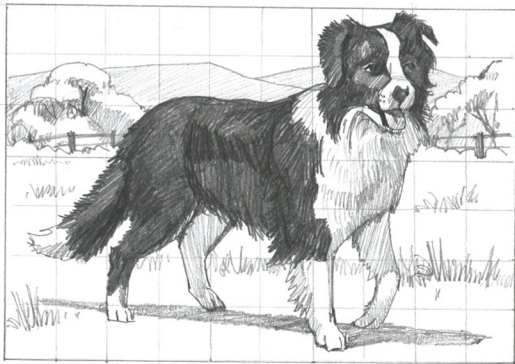
Light source



To make your drawing look three-dimensional, decide which side the light source is coming from, and put in areas of shadow where the light doesn't reach.



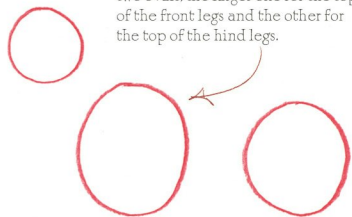
Sketch in an overall tone and add surrounding textures to create interest and a sense of movement. Pay attention to the position of your drawing on the paper; this is called composition.



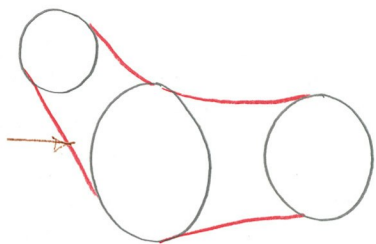
Dog

Dogs are often kept as domestic pets but some, like sheepdogs, are used for work.

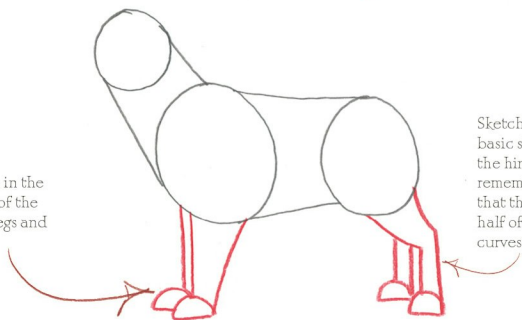
Draw a circle for the head. Draw two ovals, the larger one for the top of the front legs and the other for the top of the hind legs.



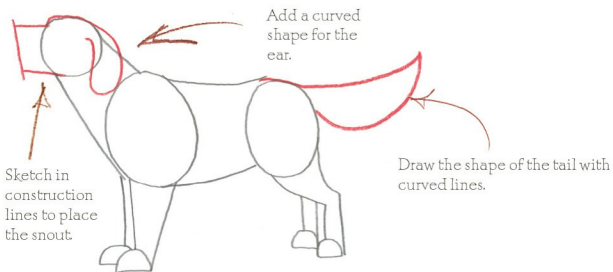
Join the two ovals and the circle with simple lines.



Sketch in the shape of the front legs and paws.



Sketch in the basic shape of the hind legs, remembering that the top half of each leg curves outwards.



Sketch in construction lines to place the snout.

Add a curved shape for the ear.

Draw the shape of the tail with curved lines.

Draw in the dog's snout, adding its teeth and nose.

Start to add fur to the body.

Complete the details of the head.

Add areas of short lines to create the fur texture on the dog's body.

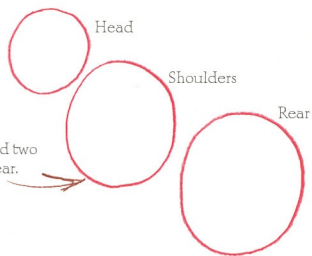
Sketch in darker areas of fur to help define the shape of the dog's muscles.

Add lines to the feet to define the paws.

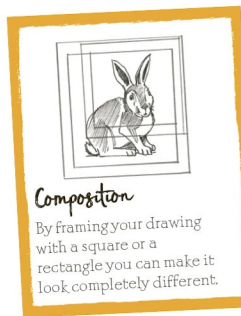
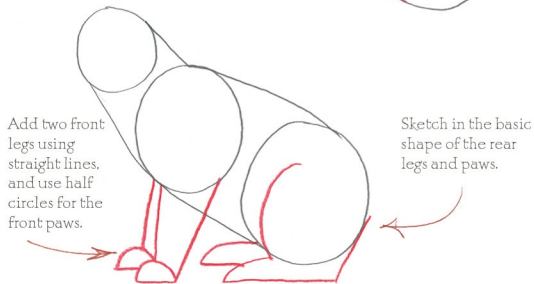
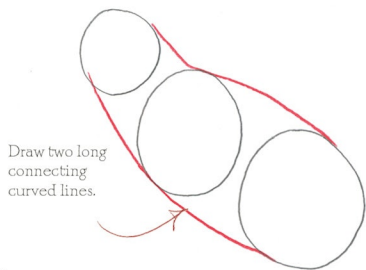
Remove any unwanted construction lines with an eraser.

Rabbit

Rabbits are popular pets that are usually kept outside in a hutch.



Draw a circle for the head and two ovals for the shoulders and rear.

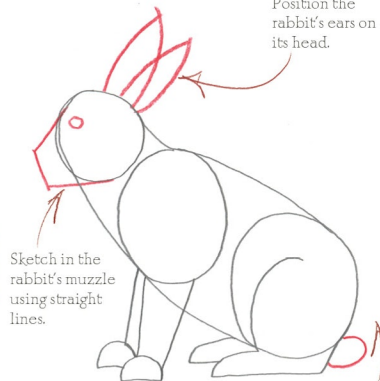


This drawing of a rabbit from a different angle shows all the construction lines used.



Add the head details draw in the ears, eyes, small nose and mouth.

Add shading to areas where the light would not reach.



Add a little round tail.

Add tone to the rabbit's body to give the impression of fur.

