

Breed Profile—Marvelous Mixed Mutts!

Every year at our Bark in the Park fundraiser, the Peoria Humane Society hosts a “Marvelous Mutt Show” to give proud owners an opportunity to showcase their precious pups! Dogs don’t have to be a certain breed; as a matter of fact, the mixed mutt contest has been a very popular part of the show. Pooches of all kinds are encouraged to show off their amazing talents and stunning good looks! In honor of all the beautiful mixed breeds of the world, we are dedicating this newsletter’s “Breed Profile” to Mixed Mutts!

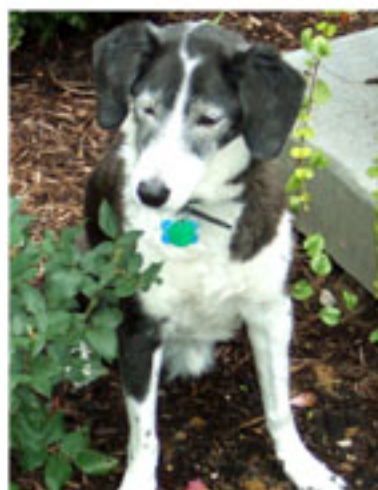
Some of the most amazing dogs are of mixed origin. Most of us have a fond memory of a special dog we knew that when asked, “what breed is he?” the answer was “a Heinz 57.” Many mixed breeds are cute, loveable, unique, and have fewer health problems. What’s not to love about all those characteristics! Here are some comments from people with mixed breed dogs and what the dogs mean to them.



Oscar owned by Rick Stephenson: “Over the course of my lifetime, I’ve had a lot of dogs in my life...from Boxers to Poodles. I’ve had some mix breeds, too. One was a Cocker/Beagle mix who was with us for 15 years. My latest mixed mutt is a Dachshund/Maltese/Poodle mix (DachMutt) named Oscar. Talk about a puppy with personality! I finally have a dog that loves to play fetch, AND he actually brings the ball back to me! He really has filled a void in my life. Oscar loves and tries to please me every day!”



Chunk owned by Deanna Gabbert: “Being a Corgi mix, Chunk takes life very seriously! In addition, he’s highly intelligent and very obedient. I would recommend wholeheartedly a Corgi mix to anyone. He’s the love of my life.”



Baxter owned by Deanna Gabbert: “Baxter is very handsome. Along with his good looks comes his desire to please. He’s perfect. This is the dog everyone should own.”



Norman owned by Lauren Malnberg: “He’s unique and he stands out in a crowd. He’s such a clown and a great example of a mixed breed! He’s got the best of both breeds, Irish Wolfhound and Great Dane. I tell him every night, ‘you’re my best friend,’ — he could never be replaced.”