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There is a dog show today. Mom and I are going together. Mom bought us tickets because she knows dogs are my favorite animals.



There are many dogs at the show. I like to look at the size of the dogs. Some are longer than others, and some are shorter than others.



🔊 I want to find the longest dog at the dog show. Mom and I look around the room. We see many long dogs. Mom will help me measure them.



🔊 We need to find something to use to measure the dogs. I have an idea. I ask mom if we can use our hands to measure the dogs.



🔊 Mom places her hand next to mine. She says our hands are not the same length. Her hands are longer than mine. We need to measure with objects that are the same length.



■ Mom finds some cans of dog food. The cans are all the same length. Mom asks if we can use them. We will measure the dogs by laying the cans end-to-end.



🔊 We measure the dogs from nose to tail. The white dog is 9 cans long. The brown dog is 10 cans long. The brown dog is longer than the white dog.



■ The brown dog is one of my favorite dogs. Is it the longest dog at the show? We will have to measure the length of more dogs. Mom and I will search for more dogs.



 I see a tan dog and a spotted dog. We measure their lengths. The tan dog is 8 cans long, and the spotted dog is 7 cans long. The brown dog is still the longest.



■ Mom and I measure almost all of the big dogs. We have not found one longer than the brown dog. There are two dogs left. One has white fur, and the other dog is gray.



When we measure the white dog, we see it is 10 cans long. The gray dog is 12 cans long. It is longer than the brown dog. We found the longest dog at the show!



Now I want to find the shortest dog at the dog show. It will be easier to measure the small dogs. We see some small dogs together. Mom will help me measure them.



■ We need to find something to use to measure the small dogs. Mom sees a box of dog combs. Each comb is the same length. Mom asks if we can use them to measure the dogs.



Now Mom and I will measure the small dogs.
Mom and I lay the combs end-to-end next to each
dog. We measure each dog from nose to tail.
I guess which dog is the shortest.



🔊 The white dog is 5 combs long. The black dog is 6 combs long. The gray dog is only 4 combs long. So far, the gray dog is the shortest dog at the show.



■ Mom thinks the gray dog is the shortest dog here. Is there a dog that is shorter than 4 combs? It would be a very small dog. Mom and I will measure more dogs.



🔊 Mom and I measure two more dogs.
The long-haired dog is 5 combs long. The
short-haired dog is 7 combs long. The gray dog
is still the shortest dog.



■ I show Mom another group of small dogs. One is brown, one is black, and one is tan. One dog has black ears. Is one of these dogs the shortest dog?



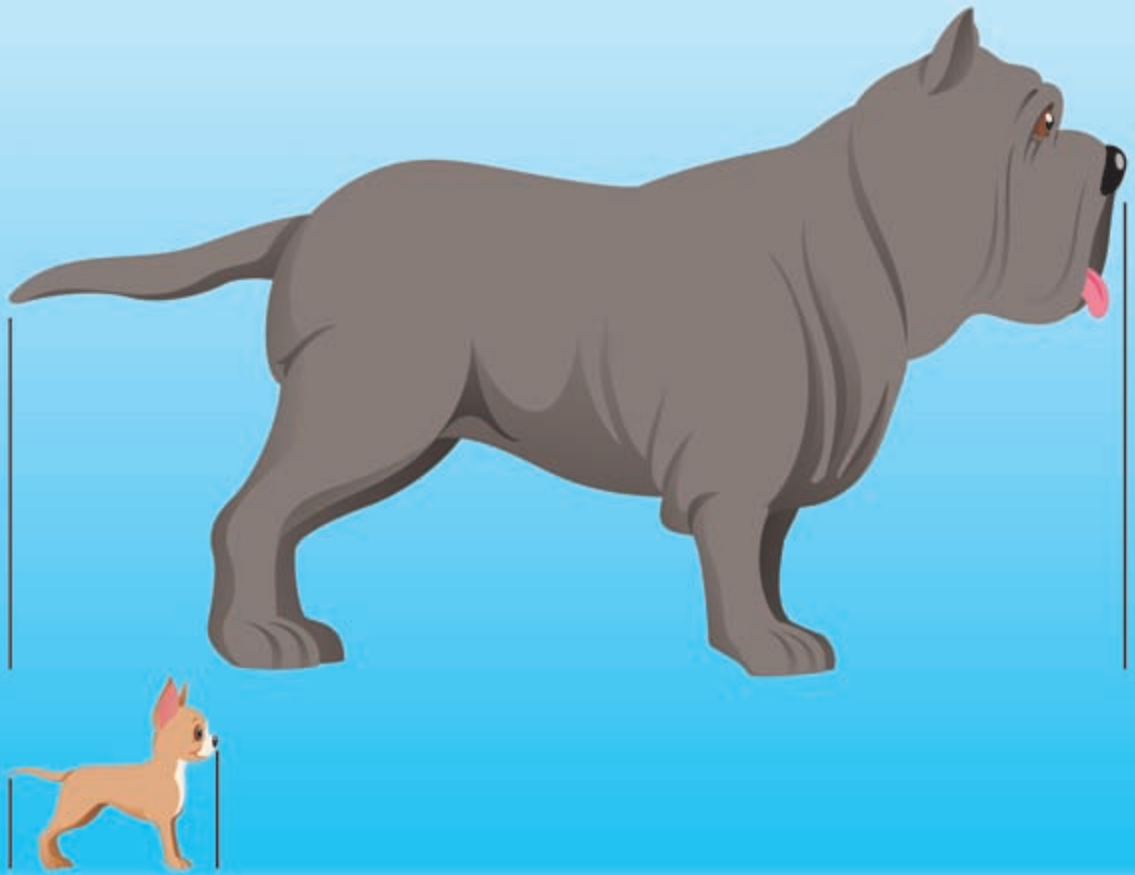
First we use the combs to measure the brown dog. This dog barks when we measure its length. The brown dog is 6 combs long. The gray dog is still shorter than this dog.



Next we measure the dog with a black coat. This dog wags its tail when we measure its length. The black dog is 4 combs long. It is the same length as the gray dog.



🔊 The dog with the black ears is 5 combs long. The gray dog and the tan dog are shorter than this dog. The tan dog is only 3 combs long. The tan dog is the shortest dog!



■ Mom and I are done measuring the dogs. The gray dog is the longest dog and the tan dog is the shortest dog. I wish I could give them prizes! What a fun day!

Glossary

 **can** a container for holding food or other objects

 **comb** a tool used to arrange hair or fur

 **dog show** an event to compare dogs

 **fur** the soft hairy coat of an animal

Think and Respond

-  1. Suppose you are at a dog show. What could you use to measure the lengths of the dogs?
-  2. A brown dog is 5 combs long. A gray dog is 3 combs long. Which dog is longer?
-  3. A black dog is 4 combs long. A red dog is 7 combs long. Which dog is shorter?



- 4. What would you use to measure the length of your classroom? Explain with words or a picture.



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