

THE PARTY PUG

by *Melissa Langer*

Print out an 8" x 10" image of your dog (mine is an original pug painting digitally altered with a party hat). Adhere a decorative paper collar and an original silver heart decoupage pug charm. Secure to a back page by punching holes in the front and back pages. Hold them together and string silk ribbon through them, securing with square knots.



CLANCY

by *Linda O'Neill*

Adhere a piece of fiber paper over a sheet of bristol board with matte medium. Make an archival reproduction on watercolor paper of an original photo (I used an original painting). Adhere image on top using the same method mentioned above. Embellish the drawing using pencil, crayons (Carran d'Arche) and acrylic paint. Attach ribbon around the image and beneath the created frame. Use various other pieces of decorative paper throughout the piece.



Dogs Rule

Story by Jill Beninato

*Artwork by Participating Artists:
Jill Beninato, Bernie Berlin, Rebecca
Collins, Wendy Crumbley, Marian
Doyle, Anne Leuk-Feldhaus, Leigh
Jackson, Melissa Langer, Mona
McLaughlin, Nicole Mlakar-
Livingston, Linda O'Neill, Jamie
Pflughoeft, & Kathy Weller*

BLUE DOG

by Jamie Pflughoeft

Design your digital file in Photoshop or Corel or similar program. Print 8" x 10" image onto archival paper (can be purchased at a professional photography store), and assemble your elements together in one place: sequins, silver studs, glitter, glue, backing paper, etc. Glue the archival print onto the backing paper by putting the glue on the back of the print first, keeping away from the edges. Press the paper down into place, then proceed to glue on the 3-D elements. Allow to dry overnight.

I have always been a dog lover, I can't remember a time in my life when there were no dogs. Some people may call me obsessed; I prefer passionate. One day last summer while surfing the "blogosphere" I noticed something — every blog that I frequented seemed to have the same group of women commenting on each other's work. We were offering each other support and sharing an artistic vision, we all loved dogs, and we were all creators of some sort of dog art. I was slowly getting to know these women and was awed by everyone's unique, individual talent. I sat at my computer thinking how cool it would be to invite each of these artists to participate in an art project that focused solely on dogs. This is when the Dogs Rule fat book project was created. I invited 12 of my blog buddies to join me in a quest to illustrate how and why dogs rule.

Every day was like Christmas as the postman started

delivering the pages. Each artist's work was amazing and I felt like I had finally found my creative soulmates — the "Sisters of Pet Artists" was born. I asked each artist to create one page that we could use in a book that would be auctioned off on eBay to benefit Bernie Berlin's A Place to Bark Animal Rescue. As animal lovers, we all felt strongly about giving back to the animals that inspire us daily. We auctioned the book off on eBay in November 2008 and raised \$350 for A Place to Bark Animal Rescue.

A project that started out as a way for online friends to connect has turned into something much more. We are now a sisterhood of friends who share a common vision and seek to make the world a little bit more warm and fuzzy for some poor animals, one project at a time. Stay tuned for Party Animals coming soon! ➔

The Dogs Rule Project 2008 is the brain child of artist, Jill Beninato, who invited 12 other artists to collaborate their efforts to illustrate how and why dogs rule. Each artist created 14 pages to be bound into 14 books. One book was sent to each artist while the 14th book was auctioned off on Ebay in November 2008 and raised \$350 for *A Place to Bark Animal Rescue*. Please cut and paste this URL <http://pugnotes.blogspot.com/2008/08/my-dogs-rule-page-process.html> to see how my page was created.



The 2008 Dog Rule Project Artists:

Jill Beninato ~ Sit Stay Smile Photography ~ www.sitstaysmile.com

Jamie Pflughoft ~ Cowbelly Photography ~ www.cowbelly.com

Leigh Jackson of Noisy Dog Studio ~ www.noisydogstudio.com

Moira McLaughlin ~ Dream Dogs Art ~ www.dreamdogsart.com

Melissa Langer ~ Pug Notes ~ www.pugnotes.com

Linda O'Neill ~ Abby Creek Studios ~ www.abbycreekstudios.com

Rebecca Lansdowne ~ Art Paw ~ www.artpaw.com

Nicole Mlakar ~ Nicole Mlakar Photography ~ nicolemlakarphotography.com

Wendy Crumbley ~ 2 Dog Studio ~ www.2dogstudio.com

Bernie Berlin ~ **A Place To Bark** ~ www.aplacetobark.com

Anne Leuck Feldhaus ~ **Anne Leuck Feldhaus Studio** ~ www.annesart.com

Kathy Weller ~ **Wellerwishes Illustration** ~ www.wellerwishes.com

Manon Doyle ~ **Hoochie Poochie Studios** ~ www.hoochiepoochiestudios.com