

**SPRING BREAK
ART EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Artwork of the Day:
Chinese Standing Dog**

Kimbell Art Museum



Chinese Standing Dog

This adorable dog—with perked ears, open mouth, and tightly curled tail—eagerly awaits our attention. Nearly 2,000 years ago, this ceramic sculpture was created for an ancient Chinese tomb to serve the deceased in the afterlife.

Notice the details that make this pup so special. The artist used a mold to create the body, and then added wrinkles on its snub nose, whiskers, and other distinctive marks.

Describe the shape of its body, head, ears, nose, and tail. Do you know any dogs that look like this? Sculptures of different dog breeds have been found in Chinese tombs, including Chows and Mastiffs.

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Art Making Connections

Use available materials—pencils, markers, crayons, and paper—to create a portrait of your own favorite four-legged friend! Does it have any special markings? How does it get your attention? What is its favorite activity? What pose will you choose for your animal?

Or **show this Chinese dog** in another scene that includes details such as the yummy treats, toys, and naptime spots that will make its tail wag with excitement.

Or **create a picture that imagines the tomb** where this sculpture was once buried. What else might we find stored away for eternity?

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Write, Compare, Research

Give a name to this cutie! What do you think this dog's expression and pose tell us about its personality? Will its green color inspire a special name?

[Visit the Kimbell's website](#) to see other tomb objects from ancient China—including a powerful horse, a bronze mirror decorated with dragons, and an elegant lady of the court.

Read a book or visit a trusted online source to learn more about the many kinds of objects that were placed in ancient Chinese tombs. They tell us a lot about the people who lived there long ago—from favorite games and food to caring for family and other important beliefs.

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Standing Dog, Chinese, Eastern Han Dynasty (A.D. 25–220), c. 1st century A.D., earthenware with lead-fluxed glaze. Kimbell Art Museum

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