

Tony and I had a lot of fun with this poem. He crafted it using only the words found on a randomly selected page from an encyclopedia of dog breeds. I think we were both really surprised at how much fun the project was and how well the poem turned out despite his having to use such a specific and limited vocabulary.

~ Hannah Dolata-Hafemann, Master Tutor

Rare

By Anthony Probst

Rare
unknown
animal
vibrant
and elegant

With a dense
silky amber
expression

Striding to
excellence

Trying to
prevent
becoming
its bored and
destructive
ancestor

Enthusiasts
and
hunters
are lured
to it

But contact
with the
surprisingly
massive
legend

Results in
life threatening
excessive fever
French hives
Stubborn drowsiness and
obsessive hairy shock

Experienced countrymen
who followed the breed
through history
see it not
as a
terrorist
but a faithful
companion

That, when
put to use
can be a
faithful
playmate

However
untrained
will lead to
brawls and
and leave it a
fiery killer