POOCHES & PASTRIES

We were initially acquaintances, thrown together in a classroom for an introductory course on web development. We came to the table with both professional and personal experiences as well as differing personalities. It came to light, however, that we both had the same goal: build a great website so we could move on to the next phase of the Skills’ competition. We initially floundered around, trying to find our strengths and weaknesses. It didn’t take long to where we found those strengths, which complemented each other in a positive way. We each built different parts of the website, but we discussed those parts and were able to find common ground for a final decision. Some discussions were about minor styling issues, and some discussions were about significant issues and flaws that were found when building our website. Bouncing ideas off each other led us to work together as a team to fix any problems, to be creative individually as well as together, and to find the ability to create a website that we are both satisfied with.

Throughout this learning process, our “acquaintance” status changed to friend status. We learned and grew together because of this project. There was give and take, as well as making compromises, but we built something together allowing our strengths to build upon each other. We both agree that our website would be “less than” if we had built our own versions without working together in any way. We discovered that the creative process can be so much stronger if you can find a way to work as a team. In this case, we found that strength and are excited about our finished product.