**Exploring Inheritance**

File *Dog.java* contains a declaration for a Dog class. Save this file to your directory and study it—notice what instance variables and methods are provided. Files *Labrador.java* and *Yorkshire.java* contain declarations for classes that extend Dog. Save and study these files as well.

File *DogTest.java* contains a simple driver program that creates a dog and makes it speak. Study DogTest.java, save it to your directory, and compile and run it to see what it does. Now modify these files as follows:

1. Add statements in DogTest.java after you create and print the dog to create and print a Yorkshire and a Labrador. Note that the Labrador constructor takes two parameters: the name and color of the labrador, both strings. Don't change any files besides DogTest.java. Now recompile DogTest.java; you should get an error saying something like

./Labrador.java:18: Dog(java.lang.String) in Dog cannot be applied to ()

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If you look at line 18 of Labrador.java it's just a {, and the constructor the compiler can't find (Dog()) isn't called anywhere in this file.

a. What's going on? (Hint: What call must be made in the constructor of a subclass?)

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b. Fix the problem (which really is in Labrador) so that DogTest.java creates and makes the Dog, Labrador, and Yorkshire all speak.

2. Add code to DogTest.java to print the average breed weight for both your Labrador and your Yorkshire. Use the avgBreedWeight() method for both. What error do you get? Why?

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Fix the problem by adding the needed code to the Yorkshire class.

3. Add an abstract *int avgBreedWeight()* method to the Dog class. Remember that this means that the word *abstract* appears in the method header after *public*, and that the method does not have a body (just a semicolon after the parameter list). It makes sense for this to be abstract, since Dog has no idea what breed it is. Now any subclass of Dog must have an avgBreedWeight method; since both Yorkshire and Laborador do, you should be all set.

Save these changes and recompile DogTest.java. You should get an error in Dog.java (unless you made more changes than described above). Figure out what's wrong and fix this error, then recompile DogTest.java. You should get another error, this time in DogTest.java. Read the error message carefully; it tells you exactly what the problem is. Fix this by changing DogTest (which will mean taking some things out).