

3Cat-dog-pig

Mo 'cat'

The left part of this is another form of 'qun 'dog'. The leaves on the right are the animal's ears and the field is a sketch of its face. The traditional character has a couple of extra strokes: . The sound is very close to miaow!

Gu 'dog'

This is formed of 'qun 'dog' (but not as commonly used as) plus the phonetic from 'jù 'sentence'. Again, 'gu' is rather plausible as a growl.

Zh 'pig'

The traditional character has a few more strokes: In fact they are the same as the bottom part of 'house' (i.e. pig under a roof!). The phonetic is pronounced 'zh' on its own and is a suffix meaning 'one who does whatever the verb to which it is attached indicates'.

Xio 'small' is useful with animals:

xio mo 'kitten'
xio gu 'puppy'

Think of xio as being three small dots.

