

Dog Breed Profiles (from infolific.com)

Breed	Size of Dog	Suitable for First-Time Owner	Living Space	Good with Children	Amount of Grooming	Amount of Exercise	Noisiness / Barking	Trainability	Aggression	Playfulness / Boisterousness	Excitability
Great Dane	5	No	5	5	1	4	2	1	2	2	3
Akita	5	No	5	2	3	3	1	3	5	3	1
English/Irish Setter	5	Yes	4	5	2	4	2	2	1	3	3
Doberman Pinscher	5	No	4	3	1	4	2	4	4	2	2
Rottweiler	5	No	4	1	2	4	2	4	5	1	2
Weimaraner	5	No	5	1	1	5	2	2	2	5	5
German Shepherd	5	No	5	2	3	5	3	5	5	1	3
Boxer	4	Yes	5	3	1	5	2	1	2	5	2
Golden Retriever	4	Yes	3	5	3	3	3	5	1	4	3
Dalmatian	4	No	4	3	1	5	3	1	1	5	3
Rough Collie	4	Yes	3	5	4	3	2	4	1	2	2
Siberian Husky	4	No	3	1	3	5	3	1	1	1	1
Labrador	4	Yes	4	5	1	4	3	5	1	4	3
Border Collie	4	No	3	1	3	5	3	5	4	5	4
Chow Chow	3	No	3	2	5	2	1	1	2	1	3
Brittany	3	Yes	4	3	2	4	3	5	2	4	4
Eng. Springer Spaniel	3	No	5	3	2	5	3	5	3	4	5
Shar Pei	3	No	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Boston Terrier	3	Yes	2	4	1	2	2	2	3	2	3
Staff. Bull Terrier	3	No	2	4	1	2	4	2	3	3	4
Cocker Spaniel	3	Yes	2	3	3*	2	4	3	4	4	4
Beagle	3	Yes	2	3	1	4	4	2	2	3	4
Basset	3	Yes	2	4	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
Poodle	3 to 1	Yes	4-1	3	5**	5	5 to 3	5	3 to 2	5	4
Shetland Sheepdog	2	Yes	1	5	5	2	1	5	1	2	1
Cav. K. Charles Spaniel	2	Yes	1	5	3	2	2	3	1	2	4
Miniature Schnauzer	2	Yes	2	3	1**	4	5	2	3	2	4
Jack Russell Terrier	2	Yes	2	2	1	4	5	2	4	4	5
Miniature Pinscher	2	No	2	2	1	3	4	3	3	2	3
W. Highland Terrier	2	Yes	2	4	2**	3	5	3	4	5	4
Pomeranian	1	Yes	2	4	4	1	3	1	3	2	5
Shih Tzu	1	Yes	2	4	4*	2	2	2	2	3	3
Maltese	1	Yes	2	4	5*	1	3	1	2	1	4
Pekingese	1	No	2	1	5	1	4	2	3	2	4
Dachshund	1	Yes	2	4	2	3	4	3	3	2	4
Yorkshire Terrier	1	No	1	2	3*	1	4	2	4	2	4
Chihuahua	1	No	1	1	2	1	5	2	5	3	4

This table shows the chief characteristics of some of the most popular dog breeds. Decide which are most important to you, then use the table to find the breed (or breeds) that suits you best, bearing in mind that the behavior of any adult dog depends as much on the way it was educated as a puppy as it does on its genetic inheritance.

Notes

5 = Highest level of characteristic
1 = Lowest level of characteristic

Size of Dog

Adult height at the withers.

5 = more than 25 inches (64 cm)

1 = less than 12 inches (25 cm)

Poodles straddle three categories: Standard, Miniature, Toy

Amount of Grooming

* Indicates that professional grooming is optional for these breeds

** Indicates that professional grooming is advisable for these breeds

Trainability

Responsiveness to training for obedience, agility trials, and work

Excitability

Reactivity to stimuli such as noise, crowds, etc.