

An Owner's Guide for:

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# HOW TO CHOOSE A DOG BREED

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There are many important things you should do and consider before you start searching for your new companion. We advise you not to rush and inform yourself so both you and your future dog will be happy. Here is a list of all the things that can help you decide how to choose the best dog for you and your lifestyle.

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# Are You Ready To Buy A Dog?

Dog ownership is a life-changing experience, and you need to be sure that *now* is the right time for you to bring your new companion home.

The most important thing is - to be honest. Don't get a dog if you cannot provide them with all the things they need, spend time with them, and put in the effort to secure a well-rounded and happy dog.





To be sure that you will enjoy the benefits of owning a dog, ask yourself these questions:

- Can I financially afford a dog?
- Am I ready for a lifelong commitment?
- Will my home be big enough for the dog?
- How much time in a day can I devote to exercise and playing with the dog?
- Can I tolerate the damage a puppy in training will cause?
- Am I ready to take a few weeks off to be with the puppy?
- Can I adjust my schedule

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# What Dog Breed Is Right For You?

Choosing the right dog breed can be very difficult, and it will take time. Every dog has a unique personality, but every dog breed has specific instincts and characteristics they are born with. Many people choose a dog based on their appearance without doing any research, and in most cases, that is not the best thing to do.



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# Things To Consider When Choosing a Dog Breed



- Do you have experience with dogs?
- Where do you live (apartment or house)?
- Do you have kids or other pets?
- How active is your lifestyle?
- How much daily exercise can you provide for your future dog?
- For how long will the dog be alone during the day?
- Can you tolerate barking?



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# Do You Have Enough Time For A Dog?

With any dog breed, you will need to set aside time for your dog, and if you do not have enough time to walk your dog at least three times a day and ensure them playtime a few times a week, you should consider if the dog is the right choice for you at this time.



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# To Buy Or To Adopt



Adopting is an excellent choice if you do not have preferences regarding dog breed or dog size, and your main goal is to get a new pet that you can take care of for the rest of their lives.

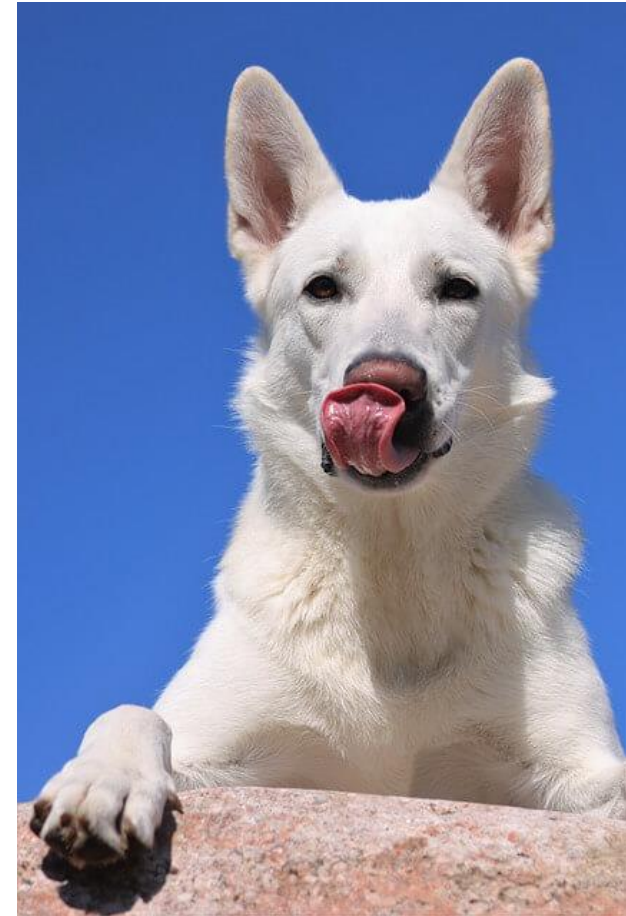
Buying a dog has many benefits, and the biggest one is - health. Responsible breeders worldwide have carefully chosen what dogs they breed based on their looks, character, and health. So when you are buying a dog from a breeder, you are not just getting a dog; you are getting all the knowledge that stands behind producing the healthiest possible dog.



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# Size Of A Dog Matters

When thinking about dog size, do not focus only on cute videos or photos you might find online, such as Great Danes trying to sit in their owners' laps. Try thinking about other things as well. Bigger dogs require more food, more room, even their poop can be huge. Try thinking about the reality of living with a big dog and be honest with yourself.



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# Energy Levels Of Dog Breed



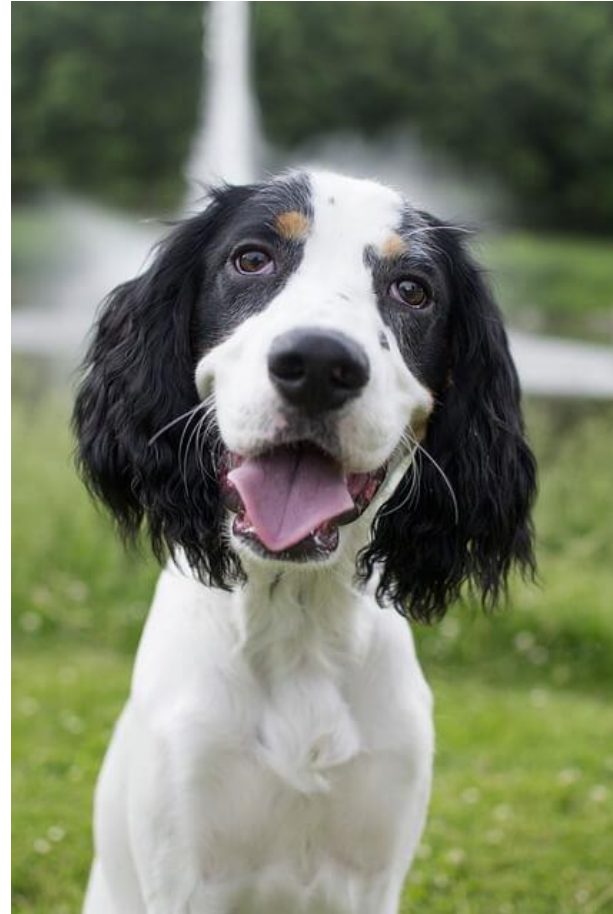
The thing you need to ask yourself is your lifestyle compatible with your dog's energy levels.

If you are an active individual, if you go for regular walks, joggings, or bike rides, you will be a great companion for an energetic dog breed. If you prefer staying in and living a more quiet life, than a more docile and less energetic dog breed is a better match for you.

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# Grooming

Different dog breeds have different grooming needs. Some dog breeds have longer delicate coats that require regular brushing and regular bathing. Others have a shorter, denser coat that doesn't require so much attention, and just basic care is needed for their coat to remain healthy and shiny. Some dogs require daily brushing, and you should think about how much time you can put in grooming sessions and how much time you are *willing* to put in.



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# Find A Good And Responsible Breeder

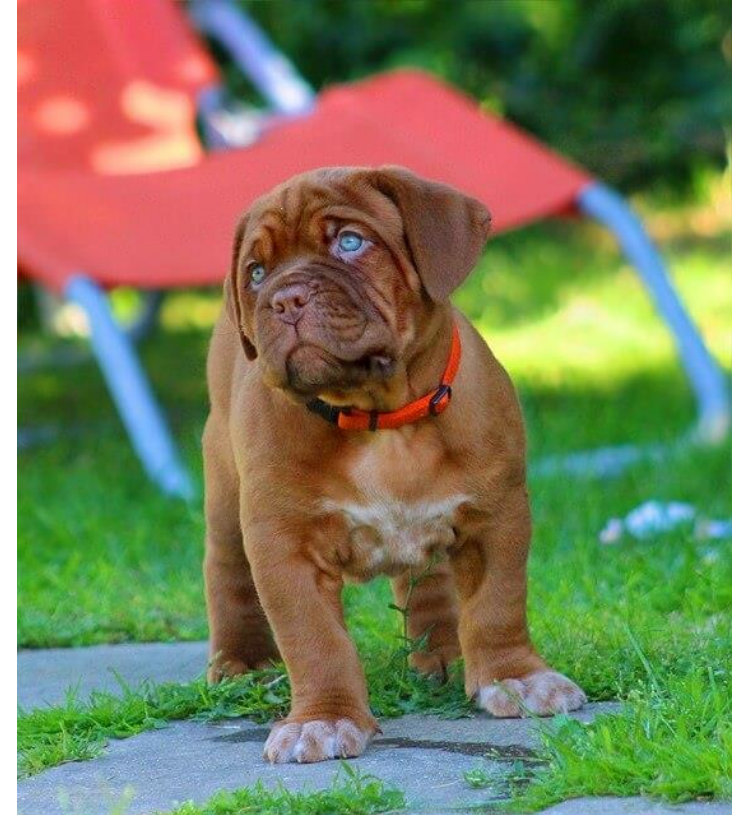




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# Signs Of Good And Responsible Breeders

- The breeder is participating in dog shows.
- Their dogs live inside.
- Their adult dogs are relaxed and well-behaved around you.
- The breeder will not let you take a puppy home before the puppy is at least two months old.
- They are interested in you and your lifestyle.
- The place where their dogs and puppies live is clean.
- They will take the dog back from you should you encounter any problems.
- They will show you the health certificates of their breeding dogs.





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# Prepare Questions For Breeder



After you have chosen a few breeders that you like, you can contact them. It is important to know what you should ask them. If you don't know the right questions, the breeder will not be able to help you. To secure that you end up with the best possible dog, you need to be prepared for the conversation.

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Here is a list of the most important questions that you should ask any breeder if you are considering buying a dog:

- How long have you been breeding?
- How long do you breed this specific dog breed?
- Did you perform health tests on both puppy parents?
- Can I see the puppy's parents in person?
- Have the puppies been socialized and dewormed?
- What vaccines has the puppy received?
- How to best socialize puppies from your kennel?
- Will you provide me with a health guarantee and a contract?
- What is the temperament of the puppy's parents?
- When can I take the puppy home?
- How can I contact you after picking up the puppy?
- What are your requirements for people interested in getting your puppies?

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# Choose The Right Dog

Every dog in the litter is unique and different. All the puppies are playful, but a good breeder will recognize puppies' characteristics and how they will develop even when they are young. So, to find the best puppy, talk to the breeder and tell them everything about your lifestyle, so you can both choose the right dog.



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# BREEDER SEARCH OPTIONS



The only and the best way to ensure a long and happy relationship with a purebred dog is to get them from a responsible breeder.





Buying a dog from a reputable dog breeder can cost a bit more money, but when you know you are getting a healthy dog with a good temperament, it will be worth it.

By choosing a dog from a reputable breeder, you are encouraging healthy breeding programs, and you are helping further breed development.

If your budget doesn't allow you to buy a dog, we advise you to adopt it. Dogs in animal shelters are, in most cases, there because of bad breeding, and by adopting one, you will save their life.



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## WHO AND WHAT WE ARE:

The World Dog Finder is an organization whose mission is to promote good and healthy breeding programs and provide education for current and potential dog owners.



# THANK YOU FOR READING!

We hope this guide was informative and valuable to you, and hopefully, it will help you choose the right breed for you and your family.

