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How would you go about selecting a new dog for your pet? Would you get a mean looking attack dog? How about a member of the toy breeds? First, think about what you want to accomplish and give careful consideration to other members of the family. Your new dog will actually become a member of the family and for many years. Nowadays, dogs live longer than they used to.

Make sure you and your family are ready to make the commitment before you start looking. Is the dog for you or your children? Spend some time researching your options and discuss them with your family. Sometimes, people lose interest shortly after getting a dog and guess who suffers. Dogs can help pull a family together and give a sense of fulfillment. One of the most endearing things about dogs is their ability to forgive and offer their love no matter what mood their human partners may be in.

Many people start with a puppy. A puppy is more sociable and adaptable. And, you get to watch him grow. But, there are plenty of grown dogs available for many reasons. Some, admittedly, have behavioral problems. But, others just outlived their owners and would make great companions. You need to decide whether you want a female or a male dog. There is not a lot of difference insofar as pet qualities there. If the female is not to have puppies later, she needs to be spayed. Otherwise, it is a problem trying to avoid male dogs later on. The male could be neutered, but he cannot sire puppies if that is done. Think about your options before making these decisions.

Different breeds have different temperaments. Some breeds are just too risky for children. You will find that size really plays no part in temperament. Some large dogs are gentle and some small dogs run around wanting to challenge others. Even within the same litter, you can find differences in dogs. When you are looking at puppies to buy, observe whether the puppy is playful or overly timid. Keep in mind, young puppies may not have been handled much.

Take some time to research the breeds you are looking at when selecting a new dog. Be certain you are going to have time to care for your new dog. Some breeds may need more exercise, training or

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special climate. For example, a Yorkshire terrier will take a lot of grooming time because of his luxurious coat.

When selecting your new dog, you need to carefully consider the place or breeder that you will purchase your dog from. If dealing with a breeder, be sure that they are respectable and dedicated to the standard of breeding itself, and not just in it for the money. Some breeders truly care about their dogs, while others don't, and that means that the puppy may not be socialized or might have been treated roughly or poorly.

To summarize, now that you are looking for a big dog or small dog for your family, if you include thought and common sense in selecting your new dog, you should be able to find the perfect one for you. Your new dog will offer you a lasting, loving relationship that is sure to be fulfilling for all of you.

Remember, you are choosing a new family member; make an educated choice and get ready for a great experience for you and your family!

Alton Hargrave offers advice and resources for those interested in dogs. His website,

<http://Dog-Daze.net>

contains honest information regarding all breeds of dogs, diseases of dogs and how to maintain your dog.

Selecting A New Dog

By Simon Harris

When selecting a new dog to take home there are many things to think about and to take into consideration. For instance, the biggest question to ask yourself is why you want a dog? Do you have children who have been begging you for one, or have you decided you need a dog outside to warn of intruders? Maybe you had one as a child and miss the companionship the dog gave you. For whatever reason, dogs can bring families closer and leave you with a sense of fulfillment—however you should know that not all dogs are good for every situation.

If you are selecting a new dog for your children, think about starting with a puppy. Puppies are more sociable and adaptable, and you will get to train them according to your needs. In addition, there's nothing quite as satisfying as watching your new puppy grow up alongside your kids.

Next, you will need to decide on male or female when selecting your new dog. Remember that males tend to be bigger in stature than females, who stay relatively more petite. Males are also more dominant and aggressive in certain breeds.

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Temperament should also be checked when selecting a new dog. To do this, simply hold the dog in your arms and tip him on his back (if size allows). If he struggles consistently, this may mean he will take more patience in training. If he lays there, genuinely calm, you can be rest assured he is mild tempered and will be easy to work with. In addition, clap your hands, or make other loud or sudden movements. A mild tempered dog will look curiously at you, while a shy or nervous dog will be startled or shy away.

It's important to always research the breeds you are looking at when selecting a new dog. Make sure you are going to have time to care for whichever one you choose. Depending on the breed, he may need more exercise, training or special climate. For example, a cocker spaniel will take a lot of grooming time and expense because of his luxurious coat.

Although selecting a new dog may seem like a no-brainer, you need to carefully consider the place that you will purchase your dog from. If dealing with a breeder, be sure that he/or she is respectable and dedicated to the standard of breeding itself, and not just in it for the money. Some breeders truly care about their dogs, while others simply don't, and that means that the puppy may not be socialized or might have been treated roughly or poorly. If you are going to buy a dog from the pet store, it's a good idea to ask around or make phone calls to other families who have bought from the same pet store.

Whether you are looking for a big dog or small dog for your family, if you include thought and common sense in selecting your new dog, you should be able to find the perfect one for you. Your new dog will offer you a lasting, loving relationship that is sure to be fulfilling for all of you.

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