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Picking the Right Dog Breed

By Dog Lovers Source

There are several hundred dog breeds for you to choose from, so how do you choose? How can you manage to pick with dog breed is perfect for you and your family? You can start by narrowing down your choices by using our suggestions outlined below.

First, how much available space do you have for your dog? Do you live in an apartment? If so, you should rule out the larger dog breeds. Look for smaller dog breeds such as Terriers or maybe a Miniature Schnauzer.

Children are another consideration. Small dog breeds such as Chihuahuas are very small and delicate and can easily be hurt by young children. But in the same turn you don't want a large breed dog that will end up knocking over your child and bumping into him. If this is the case, a medium dog breed would be your best option such as a Fox Terrier, Lhasa Apso or maybe even a Labrador.

Next how much exercise will your dog be able to receive? Do you have a fenced in yard that will allow your dog to get his own exercise? Some dog breeds require more exercise than others while other breeds are mild and calm and don't require much to be happy and healthy.

And we can't forget your dog's grooming needs. There are some breeds that only require a half hour of grooming per week, while other breeds need grooming daily. If you don't have the want or the time to spend grooming a dog daily, steer clear of breeds such as the Maltese. While Boston Terriers make a good choice with little grooming needs.

When you narrow down which dog breed you think will make a good fit for you and your family age is the next concern. Do you want a puppy or do you want a dog that is a couple years old and past the training stage but still young? The options are endless there are literally hundreds of different dog breeds of all different sizes, ages, colors and temperament. Take the time to do a little research so you know what you will be getting yourself into with your new loveable pet.

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WHAT'S IN A DOG'S NAME: 5 TIPS FOR FINDING THE RIGHT NAME FOR YOUR BEST FRIEND

By Dean Erickson

Your choice of pet name is important. Here are some things to think about before naming your pet.

Your dog's name says as much about your pet as it does about you. There are literally hundreds of potential names you can give your dog, but it has to be the right one. Your dog will become a unique member of your family and his or her name will be heard often. So, it's of vital importance to get it right.

Browse the Internet websites that are dedicated to dogs for dog name suggestions. You'll find ideas for female dog names, male dog names, cute dog names, even Latin dog names!

Your choice of name can depend on one or more of the following categories:

1. Choose a dog name according to gender.

Do you have a boy dog or a girl dog? Maybe you want to choose a dog's name that reflects its gender. The most popular female canine names in the US today are Molly, Lady, Princess and Missy, to name a few. The most popular male canine names are Sam, Max, Duke and Rocky, to name only a few.

2. Choose a dog name according to your pet's physical characteristics.

Every dog, regardless of its breed, has certain unique physical characteristics. Every breed comes with its own set of physical attributes: coat, markings, color or size, but each dog is unique. Pinpoint the uniqueness in your dog and come up with a unique dog name that reflects your dog's singularity.

3. Choose a dog name according to your pet's character or personality.

As with physical characteristics, every dog has its own personality beyond the characteristics of its breed. Get to know your dog a little before you decide on its name.

3. Choose a dog name according to your pet's breed.

Do you have a German shepherd or Labrador? Do you have a Maltese Terrier or Poodle? These breeds are traditional breeds and we've come to associate them with specific types of names inspired

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by their appearance and pedigree. Golden retrievers are often called Sunny or Goldie. Pure breed dogs tend to demand more impressive names, while strays tend to be given cuter names.

5. Choose a dog name according to your interests.

You may be a classics scholar or a music lover. You may like fast cars or a certain world city. Maybe you want to choose a name for your dog that's related to the hobbies and interests that inspire your life. Maybe you read Horace? That's an impressive name for an impressive dog. Maybe your all-time

favorite city in the world is Sydney? Then call your dog Sydney. This is one way of ensuring a unique dog name that has extra significance for you.

Remember: dog names should be no more than one or two syllables. They should not sound similar to other names within the family and should definitely not sound like commands. Remember that the name will last for the term of the dog's life, so try to think ahead and be certain that the name you choose will suit the dog (and you) in the years to come.

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