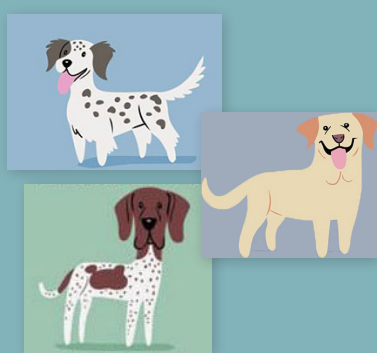


Which Dog Breed is Right For Me?

For centuries dogs have been bred by humans to perform specialist jobs for us.

It is important to understand the history of your breed and the traits associated with different breeds. This will help you when it comes to playing games and training your dog.



GUNDOGS

This category includes Spaniels, Retrievers, Pointers and Setters.

These dogs enjoy playing retrieve games or games that involve scent and tracking. They love games where they need to use their nose.

These dogs, especially Retrievers are highly motivated by food.



HOUNDS

This group is split into SIGHT and SCENT hounds.

Sight hounds tend to be slight and lean like Greyhounds, Salukis and Whippets. This group enjoys fast, thrilling games of fetch.

Scent hounds are generally stockier with large noses like Beagles, Bloodhounds and Bassets. These dogs love games that have elements of 'track and search'.



PASTORAL

This group of dogs has herding and livestock guardianship traits.

Dogs in this category include Collies, Sheepdogs and Shepherds.

Livestock Guardian dogs (historically bred to protect livestock from predators) are generally large and protective so not ideal for urban living.

Herding dogs are motivated by retrieve type games or watching something being thrown for them.



TERRIER

This group is easy to identify as most of them have Terrier in their name! Jack Russell Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, West Highland Terrier to name a few.

A Terriers' biggest motivation is generally tugging type games.

Another huge motivator for these dogs are squeaky toys.



TOY

Toy groups have not been bred for any form of hunting but for human companionship.

Their main motivator is affection. They enjoy games but remember to use small, light toys that are size appropriate.

Breeds in this category include Bichon Frise, Pomeranian and Chihuahua.



UTILITY

This group has a wide variety of original roles. So best to research your specific breed in greater detail.

Things to think about when reading up on your specific breed, is what they were bred for and this could provide clues as to what will motivate them.

For example, Dalmatians were bred to run alongside carriages so games that involve chasing and running will motivate these dogs.

Breeds in this category include Bulldogs, Poodles and Schnauzers.



WORKING

Working breeds can be split into guarding breeds and search and rescue breeds.

Guarding breeds enjoy using the skills of see, stalk, chase and grab.

The search and rescue breeds like to use their skills of track, search and see in the games that motivate them. Breeds in this category include Boxers, Mastiffs and Dobermans.

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