

# Breeds of Dog

## Why understanding your dog's breed is important

Selecting a dog based on how cute it looks as a puppy could lead to potential problems in the future. It is important to have a clear understanding of your dog's breed and how this can affect its health and behaviour.



A litter of husky puppies

### Dog breed history

Dogs were the first animal to be domesticated by man over 40,000 years ago. Since then, dogs have been bred for the way they look, their size and their abilities, resulting in hundreds of different breeds – all with unique physical features and personality types.

### The right home for your dog

Before you get a dog. You should consider your own lifestyle and how you expect the dog to fit in. Some factors to consider include:

- How active you are. Some breeds will require a lot more exercise or stimulation due to their breed or size.
- How much space you have. Some small puppies can grow to be pretty large!
- Other family members. A timid dog might be frightened by a rampaging toddler which could cause it to growl or bite.

### The right dog for you

Adopting a rescue dog is a good way to ensure that you choose the right breed of dog for you. Expert handlers at your local rescue centre will be able to tell you all about the breeds of the different dogs (even if they are mixed breeds) and the type of home they need.

### Breed features

Breed	Adult size	Features
Border Collie	Medium	Highly intelligent. Likes to work.
Greyhound	Large, slim	High prey instinct. Fast but likes to laze.
Chihuahua	Small	Very loyal. Likes to cosy up in dens.



Staffordshire Bull-Terrier

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