

10 Most Popular Dog Breeds

SEO Keyword: Popular Dog Breeds

Wondering what dog breed is right for you? Here at [Dope Dog](#) we've [compiled](#) a comprehensive list of the top [ten](#) most popular dog breeds in the world, according to the [American Kennel Club's registration statistics](#).

[Released](#) on March 20th, 2019, the American Kennel Club highlighted the most popular dog breeds from 2018. Each of these dog breeds has unique characteristics that garner popularity and likability among dog lovers, which earns them a spot on this prestigious list. Whatever preferences you have as a dog owner, you will be sure to find a compatible breed from this well-rounded group.

1. Retrievers (Labrador)

The Labrador [Retriever](#) hits the top of the list year after year as the most popular dog breed, according to the [American Kennel Club's famous list](#). In fact, in 2017, the Labrador Retriever was on [its](#) 26th consecutive year [as the number one dog breed of choice](#)! The lab continues to [win against](#) other popular breeds like the German Shepherd and Golden Retriever [for many reasons](#).

The Lab is the most versatile dog.

Labradors make wonderful companions for so many different lifestyles. A medium-sized dog, Labs typically weigh between 55-80 pounds and their [fur](#) coats can [be a variety of colors like yellow, black, and even gorgeous chocolate](#).

The Lab's personality is famous for being friendly, sociable, and easy-going.

Labrador Retrievers are enthusiastic athletes and will never [turn down](#) a game of fetch. [\(It's true! It's in their nature as a retriever.](#) They can play forever, so the game can quite possibly become endless!) They love to be with their owner doing whatever the dog owner wants whether that's going for a walk or sitting on the couch watching television. Because of their loyal companionship, Labradors are often service dogs and can be trained to help their owner do several tasks.

The Labrador is one of the more healthy breeds.

[Labs are known to live](#) a full life which is lucky for the many, many families who choose them as their loving companions. [Labradors can live up to ten to fourteen years.](#)

2. German Shepherd Dogs

[The German Shepherd](#) comes in at a close second to the Labrador Retriever in the [AKC's annual list](#) of the 10 most popular dog breeds. Since the 19th century, German Shepherds have had a place in history, growing their legacy even stronger. During World War I, they served as military K-9s and went on to become the dog of choice for armies and police forces worldwide.

The German Shepherd is an extremely intelligent breed.

The German shepherd is the 3rd most intelligent [dog](#) in the world, [according to the AKC](#). [Because of their quick wit and intelligence, German Shepherds are commonly used by the military and police force. These dogs are easy to train and follow commands well.](#)

German Shepherds are the most loyal of all dog breeds.

They will devote themselves to you and become the ultimate companion. With this loyalty, comes a drive to protect and to serve. They might be a bit standoffish to strangers at first because of this protective quality. Ultimately, the German Shepard is a smart breed **that** thrives as a devoted human companion.

3. Retrievers (Golden)

Some might say that the Golden Retriever is the most quintessential of all dog breeds. This breed is so well known that you could say the Golden Retriever is the **most famous dog breed**. Not only is it one of the most popular dog breeds among everyday people, **but Goldens often star** in popular TV **shows** and movies. **Golden Retrievers are a commonly owned breed among** celebrities. It's no surprise that the list goes on for what makes Goldens so amazing.

Golden Retrievers are friendly dogs.

People fall in love with Goldens immediately because they are extremely friendly and will easily become your best friend. They have an insatiable need to please their owners and make them happy. They will be enthusiastic as you give commands, making them very easy to train. **If you are thinking of adding a Golden Retriever to a family with another pet, don't hesitate! Goldens are very open and approachable when it comes to other breeds and get along with most dogs.**

Golden Retrievers are active adventurers.

A medium-sized breed, Golden Retrievers are a popular choice for **sports** enthusiasts because they are always game for an adventure and are particularly fond of water. **These good-natured dogs will follow their owners wherever they go.**

Related: [10 Ways to Help Your Nervous Dog](#)

4. French Bulldogs

The French Bulldog is a trendy dog breed. You'll see more and more of them as they gain popularity. This breed is particularly popular in major cities. **Frenchies rank** as the #1 breed in NYC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and West Palm Beach. City dwellers love Frenchies because of their small size and dynamic personality.

French Bulldogs make surprisingly good watchdogs.

Because of their territorial streak, French Bulldogs will keep **a** vigilant watch over their homes. They are not huge barkers, but if they do speak up, **you should** listen!

French Bulldogs are fascinating communicators.

Although they might not make as much barking noise as other dogs, Frenchies have **unique** special sounds. **Known to be quite loud snorers, French Bulldogs often** make grunting, snorting noises at any given time. Last but not least, the French Bulldog comes standard with their famous "bat ears", making them simply irresistible.

Fun fact: French Bulldogs aren't actually French. This breed originated in England and then started moving into France with their owners after the Industrial Revolution.

5. Bulldogs

A medium-sized breed, the Bulldogs is a calm and recognizable dog. If you like to relax with a loyal companion then the Bulldog might be the best fit. These chill dogs are great family pets because of their docile nature and low-intensity active state. They might play ball with you or they might not.

Bulldogs are one of the most uniquely recognizable dogs in the world.

With their stocky build, squishy face, and wrinkled brow, this distinctive breed has charmed many pet owners. Their short legs and squat walk make them tough to mistake when you spot them on the street.

Bulldogs are chill.

Aside from their unmistakable looks, bulldogs are popular for their relaxed demeanor. They are particularly popular for apartment dwellers because they do not require as much exercise as other breeds. So if you're a fan of Netflix and chill, the bulldog might be the breed of your dreams. Sometimes the bulldog will even refuse to get up for a walk, they're just that chill! The low-key personality of the bulldog also makes them great with young children. They will lay around while kids play around them causing no fuss at all. It's easy to see why this lovable, chill dog is a fan favorite.

Related: [Dog Adoption: Everything You Need to Know](#)

6. Beagles

Ask any beagle owner and they will happily tell you why Beagles are the best. This breed is known for its lovable floppy ears, fun attitude, and warm eyes. Beagles according to the American Kennel Club are categorized under the hound group. The reason why they make the top 10 most popular dog breeds is because of their temperament.

Beagles are such lovable and low maintenance dogs.

Because they are very loyal to their owners, Beagles frequently rate as the #1 family dog. They are also very affectionate affection toward children. Beagles are one of the friendliest breeds with great temperament and sociability. If you're looking for a fun, lovable, small-sized dog, the beagle is a great option.

Fun fact: The first Queen Elizabeth loved and owned pocket Beagles, which were small enough to fit in one hand.

Beagles are great hunting dogs.

Part of the hound family, Beagles have great noses and can track the scent of other animals for miles. Perfect for hunting small game, Beagles are a great choice for owners that like to hunt or just get out in nature.

Have you recently rescued a new dog or puppy? [Treat your new friend to one of Dope Dog's delicious dog treats. Subscribe and get 25% off the retail price.](#)

7. Poodles

Poodles are one of the top ten most popular dog breeds for several practical reasons. In addition to their practical benefits, the poodle also has a great personality.

Poodles are fun and goofy, but also very smart.

Poodles learn tricks and commands quickly and are known to learn hundreds of words in their lifetime. For this reason, it is common to see poodles winning competitions in everything from nose work to agility. They also make great companions for people with disabilities. It's clear why poodles are so often winning "Best in Show."

Poodles don't have fur.

Poodles are one of the few dog breeds that do not have fur. Instead, poodles have hair as their coat, making them hypoallergenic, non-shedders. This breed is perfect for people with allergies.

Poodles come in all shapes and sizes.

A fan favorite, Poodles come in 3 different sizes, standard at 50-60 pounds, miniature at 15-17 pounds, and toy, as small as 6-9 pounds. Poodles can be many different colors and because they grow hair, they are fun to groom.

8. Rottweilers

Rottweilers (also known as "Rotties") are often misunderstood, but they are still one of the most popular dog breeds. They are very compassionate, despite their reputation for generally being quick to attack and defend.

Rottweilers are great workers.

Rottweilers were originally bred to protect cattle and livestock because they were able to keep up with the sheepdogs and shepherds in the field. In fact, this breed is happiest when they have a job to do. They are smart and eager to please. In modern-day society, Rottweilers are often given important jobs which is why you will see many as service dogs, therapy dogs, guide dogs, obedience competitors, and more.

Rottweilers are great guard dogs.

Because of their defensive nature, Rottweilers are known for being very protective of their family and home. If not raised properly their natural defensive instincts can make them less approachable to other dogs, but if given obedience training and a designated pack leader, they are fiercely loyal and their companionship is unmatched.

9. Pointers (German Shorthaired)

The German Shorthaired Pointer is a great example of a show dog who has increased in popularity after its recent win of "Best in Show" at Westminster. This breed was first bred in Germany, hence its name but can be traced back to Ancient Egypt. There are a few different breeds that went into the bloodline of what now is considered the German Shorthaired Pointer, including the Spanish pointer, the English pointer, the Dalmatian, and the Weimaraner.

German Shorthaired Pointers are bred to hunt.

The name Pointer comes from their stance. This breed naturally uses their body to point when they find game, lowering their head, steadying their gaze, and then lifting a front paw as if pointing toward their prey. Used for hunting birds, German Shorthaired Pointers can easily point pheasant and quail that are known to hide in thick brush. Their skills range in everything from guarding homes to sniffing bombs. They are also amazing in the water. Their water-resistant coats repel debris as they swim and their spoon-shaped and webbed paws help them glide quickly through the water.

German Shorthaired Pointers are agile and high energy.

Due to their innate nature to hunt and willingness to learn, the German Shorthaired can often be found outperforming other dogs in agility competitions and obstacle courses. It's no surprise that this breed continuously comes in "Best in Show" at the AKC Agility Tournament and remains one of the most popular dog breeds in the world.

10. Yorkshire Terriers

The Yorkshire Terrier, often known as the Yorkie, is one of the smallest breeds on this list, typically weighing around 7 pounds. Their size is one of the many reasons this breed makes the list of the most popular dog breeds.

The Yorkshire Terrier's small size offers many advantages for dog lovers.

Yorkshire Terriers are easy to carry around and do not require a lot of space to be comfortable. This makes the Yorkie an ideal pet for anyone with physical limitations, or simply anyone with compact living quarters. Another bonus of the Yorkie's small size is they make great travel companions and can attend more activities and outings than larger breeds. From the grocery store to an airplane cabin, Yorkies will happily come along for the ride.

Yorkies are bold and affectionate.

They will enjoy snuggles as well as adventures. Known to be feisty and vocal, Yorkies have no problem standing up for themselves against larger dogs. Overall, Yorkies love the attention of their owners and make wonderful companion dogs.

These Top Ten Most Popular Dog Breeds Make Great Pets

Did your favorite dog make the list? If you were getting a dog tomorrow, which dog would you pick? Did one of our Top Ten Most Popular dogs make your wish list?

If you love dogs, you'll want to take care of your precious pup. [Add Dope Dog organic CBD Treats and Oils to your dog care routine to create a happy healthy lifestyle for your favorite dog.](#)

Related: [10 Ways to Help Your Nervous Dog](#)

Infographic:

Dope Dog presents

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS

1. RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR)

The Lab's personality is famous for being friendly, sociable, and easy-going.

2. GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

German Shepherds are the most loyal of all dog breeds.

3. RETRIEVERS (GOLDEN)

Golden Retrievers are active adventurers.

4. FRENCH BULLDOGS

French Bulldogs make surprisingly good watchdogs.

5. BULLDOGS

Bulldogs are one of the most uniquely recognizable dogs in the world.

SOURCE: WWW.DOPE.DOG

