

Breed	2016 Rank	2015 Rank	2014 Rank
Retrievers (Labrador)	1	1	1
German Shepherd Dogs	2	2	2
Retrievers (Golden)	3	3	3
Bulldogs	4	4	4
Beagles	5	5	5
French Bulldogs	6	6	9
Poodles	7	8	7
Rottweilers	8	9	10
Yorkshire Terriers	9	7	6
Boxers	10	10	8
Great Danes	14	15	15
Pomeranians	22	21	20
Mastiffs	28	25	26
Spaniels (Cocker)	29	30	30
Pugs	32	33	33
Collies	37	36	36
Bullmastiffs	48	43	45
St. Bernards	49	50	51
Bull Terriers	57	55	53
Pointers (German Wirehaired)	64	68	71
Dalmatians	62	62	66
Lhasa Apsos	71	65	67
Afghan Hounds	113	100	98

LABRADOR RETRIEVER

The gentle, intelligent and family-friendly Labrador Retriever from Canada continues to be the most popular breed in the United States, according to AKC registration statistics. This versatile hunting breed comes in three colors **yellow, black and chocolate** and because of their desire to please their master they excel as guide dogs for the blind, as part of search-and-rescue teams or in narcotics detection with law enforcement.



- ☐ Personality: Friendly and outgoing, Labs play well with others
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Labs are high-spirited and not afraid to show it
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Eager To Please
- ☐ Height: 22.5-24.5 inches (male), 21.5-23.5 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 65-80 pounds (male), 55-70 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 10-12 years

☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

Generally considered dogdom's finest all-purpose workers, German Shepherd Dogs are large, agile, muscular dogs of noble spirit and high intelligence. For such deep-chested, solid dogs, they move quickly with great nimbleness afoot. The German Shepherd's natural gait is a free-and-easy trot, but when duty calls they can turn it up a notch or two and reach great speeds. Standing as high as 26 inches at the shoulder and built like a brick doghouse, the German Shepherd Dog when viewed in outline presents a picture of smooth, graceful curves rather than angles.



- ☐ Personality: Smart, confident, courageous, and steady; a true dog lover's dog
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; These big guys were born to work; they require regular mental and physical exercise
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Frequent
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Eager To Please
- ☐ Height: 24-26 inches (male), 22-24 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 65-90 pounds (male), 50-70 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 7-10 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

BULLDOG

Known for their loose-jointed, shuffling gait and massive, short-faced head, the Bulldog is known to be equable, resolute and dignified. They are one of the most popular breeds according to AKC® Registration Statistics due to their lovable and gentle dispositions and adorable wrinkles. The Bulldog may be brindle, white, red, fawn, fallow or piebald.



- ☐ Personality: Calm, courageous, and friendly; dignified but amusing.
- ☐ Energy Level: Not Very Active; Bulldogs won't beg to be exercised, but they require regular walks and the occasional romp.
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: Yes
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 14-15 inches
- ☐ Weight: 50 pounds (male), 40 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 8-10 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Quiet

BEAGLE

Not only are Beagles excellent hunting dogs and loyal companions, they are also happy-go-lucky, funny, and thanks to their pleading expression cute. They were bred to hunt in packs, so they enjoy the company of other dogs and of people as well. Beagles love to follow their noses, which can sometimes get them into sticky situations. These dogs are solid, sturdy, and fairly easy to care for, but they do need to run around and let off steam.



- ☐ Personality: Merry, friendly, and curious
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; This quick, energetic and compact hound dog needs plenty of exercise
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: Yes
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 13 inches & under, 13-15 inches
- ☐ Weight: under 20 pounds (13 inches & under), 20-30 pounds (13-15 inches)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 10-15 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Likes To Be Vocal

FRENCH BULLDOG

This affectionate and playful breed known for its wrinkly, smushy face and bat-like ears is a great companion for single pet-owners as well as families with young children. They need little exercise and grooming and are incredibly loyal to their

people. Because of their somewhat stubborn nature, they require a bit of patience during training but are incredibly intelligent and eager to please.



- ☐ Personality: Playful, smart, adaptable, and completely irresistible
- ☐ Energy Level: Not Very Active; Frenchies are easygoing, not terribly athletic; brisk walks will keep them trim
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 11-13 inches
- ☐ Weight: under 28 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Quiet

POODLE

The Poodle breed is exceptionally smart, active and excels in obedience training. The breed comes in three size varieties, which may contribute to why Poodle is one of the most popular breeds according to AKC® Registration statistics. Poodles can be a variety of solid colors, including white, black, apricot and gray, but never parti-colored.



- Personality: Proud, active and very smart.
- Energy Level: Very Active; Poodles are enthusiastic walkers, runners, and swimmers. They're eager for all kinds of activity, and they enjoy keeping busy.
- Good with Children: Yes
- Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- Shedding: Infrequent, Hypoallergenic
- Grooming: Daily
- Trainability: Eager To Please
- Height: 10 inches & under (toy), 10-15 inches (miniature), over 15 inches (standard)
- Weight: 4-6 pounds (toy), 10-15 pounds (miniature), 60-70 pounds (male standard), 40-50 pounds (female standard)
- Life Expectancy: 10-18 years
- Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

ROTTWEILER

Robust and powerful, the Rottweiler is happiest when given a job to perform. His intelligence, endurance and willingness to work make him suitable as a police dog, herder, service dog, therapy dog, obedience competitor and devoted companion. An inherent protector, the Rottweiler is self-confident and responds quietly and with a wait and see attitude to influences in his environment. He must be medium in size and his coat is black with rust to mahogany markings.



- ☐ Personality: Reserved with strangers and affectionate and loyal with his family.
- ☐ Energy Level: The Rottie needs at least two solid workouts daily; he would really appreciate it if these always included you!
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 24-27 inches (male), 22-25 inches (female)

- ☐ Weight: 110-130 pounds (male), 77-110 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 8-10 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

YORKSHIRE TERRIER

Yorkshire Terriers, affectionately known as "Yorkies," offer big personalities in a small package. Though members of the Toy Group, they are terriers by nature and are brave, determined, investigative and energetic. Named for the English county from which they originally hail, Yorkshire Terriers were used in the nineteenth century to catch rats in clothing mills. Surprisingly enough, in its beginnings, the Yorkie belonged to the working class, especially the weavers; in fact, facetious comments were often made about how the dogs' fine, silky coats were the ultimate product of the looms. Eventually, the breed left the workforce and became a companion animal to families of European high society.



- ☐ Personality: Sprightly, tomboyish, and affectionate
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Yorkies are moderately active and will be happy with a daily satisfying walk
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Infrequent
- ☐ Grooming: Daily

- ☐ Trainability: Independent
- ☐ Height: 7-8 inches
- ☐ Weight: 7 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 11-15 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

BOXER

A well-conditioned Boxer is an awesome sight. A male can stand as high as 25 inches at the shoulder, females a little shorter. Their muscles ripple beneath their short, tight-fitting coat. The dark brown eyes and wrinkled forehead give the face an alert, curious look. Boxers move like the athletes they're named for: smooth and graceful, but powerful. The coat can be fawn (tan to mahogany-red) or brindle (kind of like tiger stripes), with white markings.



- ☐ Personality: Fun-loving, bright, active and loyal
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Boxers are strong, quick, busy dogs who need plenty of exercise; they enjoy challenges, both physical and mental
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 23-25 inches (male), 21.5-23.5 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 65-80 pounds (male), females are about 15 pounds less than male

- ☐ Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

GREAT DANE

Even people with zero dog knowledge know a Great Dane when they see one. Standing as high as 32 inches at the shoulder, Danes tower over most other dogs and when standing on their hind legs, they're taller than many people. Giant-sized and immensely strong, Danes nevertheless are the picture of elegance and balance, with the smooth and easy stride of born noblemen. The coat comes in different colors and patterns, perhaps the best-known being the black-and-white patchwork pattern known as "harlequin."



- ☐ Personality: Friendly, patient, & dependable.
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Sedate, easygoing dogs, Danes enjoy a good walk two or three times daily.
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal

- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Eager To Please
- ☐ Height: 30-34 inches (male), 28-32 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 120-200 pounds (male), 99-130 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 6-8 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

POMERANIAN

The Pomeranian is a cocky, animated companion with an extroverted personality. This compact little dog is an active toy breed with an alert character and fox-like expression. Today, the Pomeranian is a popular companion dog and competitive show dog. They can come in all colors, patterns, and variations although orange and red are the most popular.



- ☐ Personality: Lively, bold, and inquisitive—a prototypical "personality breed"
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Pomeranians are playful and vivacious but also love to be lapdogs
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 6-7 inches
- ☐ Weight: 3-7 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-16 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

MASTIFF

For the uninitiated, a face-to-face encounter with these black-masked giants can be startling. Standing as high as 30 inches at the shoulder and outweighing many a

full-grown man, Mastiffs make an immediate and lasting impression. The rectangular body is deep and thickly muscled, covered by a short double coat of fawn, apricot, or brindle-stripe. The head is massive (a word that comes up often with this breed), and a wrinkled forehead accentuates an alert, kindly expression.



- ☐ Personality: Courageous and dignified, but good-natured and docile
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; An adult Mastiff is content with long walks and a good romp
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 30 inches & up (male), 27.5 inches & up (female)
- ☐ Weight: 160-230 pounds (male), 120-170 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 6-10 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

PUG

The Pug is well described by the phrase "multum in parvo" which means "a lot of dog in a small space." They are recognized for their even-temper,

playful personalities, and their outgoing, loving dispositions. This square and cobby breed comes in fawn or black, with a well-defined "mask" on his muzzle. A popular companion dog, the pug also excels in the show ring.



- ☐ Personality: Even-tempered, charming, mischievous and loving
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Pugs are not exactly natural athletes, but they do have strong legs and endless curiosity—exercise both regularly
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 10-13 inches
- ☐ Weight: 14-18 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

BULLMASTIFF



- ☐ Personality: Brave, affectionate, and loyal, the Bullmastiff will always have your back.
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Calm and low-key, but they do well at lots of different dog sports, like agility, and make great therapy dogs.
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 25-27 inches (male), 24-26 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 110-130 pounds (male), 100-120 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 7-9 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

ST. BERNARD

Not ranked particularly high in AKC registrations, this genial giant is nonetheless among the world's most famous and beloved breeds. The Saint Bernard's written standard abounds with phrases like "very powerful," "extraordinarily muscular," "imposing," and "massive." A male stands a minimum 27.5 inches at the shoulder; females will be smaller and more delicately built. The huge head features a wrinkled brow, a short muzzle, and dark eyes, combining to give Saints the intelligent, friendly expression that was such a welcome sight to stranded Alpine travelers.



- ☐ Personality: Friendly, patient, outgoing; known as a great “nanny dog” for kids
- ☐ Energy Level: Not Very Active; A mature Saint will be content with long walks and a romp on the lawn
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 28-30 inches (males), 26-28 inches (female)

- ☐ Weight: 140-180 pounds (male), 120-140 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 8-10 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

BULL TERRIER

Playful and clownish, the Bull Terrier is best described as a three-year-old child in a dog suit. Given his muscular build, the Bull Terrier can appear unapproachable, but he is an exceedingly friendly dog, with a sweet and fun-loving disposition and popular in the obedience, agility and show rings. The Bull Terrier can be all white (markings on the head are permissible) or colored.



- ☐ Personality: Playful and charming; sometimes mischievous, always loyal
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Lots of exercise is needed to prevent boredom and the problem behaviors that come with it
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: Not Recommended
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 21-22 inches
- ☐ Weight: 50-70 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-13 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

AFGHAN HOUND

Since ancient times, Afghan Hounds have been famous for their elegant beauty. But the thick, flowing coat that is the breed's crowning glory isn't just for show it served as protection from the harsh climate in mountainous regions where Afghans originally earned their keep. Beneath the glamorous exterior is a powerful, agile hound standing as high as 27 inches at the shoulder built for a long day's hunt. Their huge paw pads act as shock absorbers on their homeland's punishing terrain.



- ☐ Personality: A breed of charming contradictions: independent and aloof, but sweet and profoundly loyal; dignified, but with a silly streak
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Bred for high-speed pursuit, Afghans need fenced-in running room and brisk walks

- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Infrequent, Hypoallergenic
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Independent
- ☐ Height: 25-27 inches
- ☐ Weight: 50-60 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-18 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

DALMATIAN

The only spotted breed, the Dalmatian is alert and active, possessing great endurance, speed and intelligence. Their working and sporting heritage makes them suitable as both a family pet or performance animal, and they are often found in the show, obedience and agility rings, or galloping alongside a horse as a coach dog in "road trials." Their short coat is white with black or liver (brown) spots.



- ☐ Personality: A well-bred Dal is stable and outgoing; dignified but never shy
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Athletic, durable dogs created for long jaunts, Dals need their exercise
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Frequent
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 19-24 inches

- ☐ Weight: 45-70 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 11-13 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

LHASA APSO

Lhasa Apso is a small, hardy breed with a beautiful cloak of hair that parts down the back from head to tail. Their temperament is unique: joyful and mischievous, dignified and aloof. An independent breed, the Lhasa's goal in life is not necessarily to please their master. Popular in the show ring, the breed also excels at activities that provide constant challenges, such as agility.



- ☐ Personality: Smart, confident, complex; a family comedian
- ☐ Energy Level: Somewhat Active; Calm but fun-loving, Lhasas enjoy brisk walks and clowning for loved ones
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Older Children
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Infrequent
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Independent

- ☐ Height: 10-11 inches (male), slightly smaller (female)
- ☐ Weight: 12-18 pounds
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

COCKER SPANIEL

Exhibited in the US since the 1880s, the Cocker Spaniel remains one of the most popular breeds according to AKC® registration statistics. The Cocker has a sturdy, compact body and a silky, flat or wavy coat. He is a merry, well-balanced dog that is capable of considerable speed and great endurance. Cocker Spaniels can be black, black with tan points, parti-colored or any solid color other than black.



- ☐ Personality: Happy, smart, gentle
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Energetic sporting dogs, Cockers love their playtime and brisk walks
- ☐ Good with Children: Yes
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: Yes
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Weekly
- ☐ Trainability: Eager To Please
- ☐ Height: 14.5-15.5 inches (male), 13.5-14.5 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 25-30 pounds (male), 20-25 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 10-14 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

POINTER

A hard-driving hunting dog possessing stamina, courage, and the desire to go, the Pointer is bred primarily for sport afield and definitely looks the part.

He gives the impression of compact power and agile grace, with a noble carriage, an intelligent expression and a muscular body. His short coat can be liver, lemon, black or orange; either in combination with white or solid-colored.



- ☐ Personality: Even-tempered, alert, hardworking, and loyal; a peerless hunting partner
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Energetic, hard-driving gundogs, Pointers crave serious exercise
- ☐ Good with Children: Better with Supervision
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: Yes
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 25-28 inches (male), 23-26 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 55-75 pounds (male), 45-65 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-17 years
- ☐ Barking Level: Barks When Necessary

COLLIE

These elegant dogs are legendary for their herding and protecting abilities. They are strong, loyal, affectionate, responsive and fast. The rough-coated Collie has a beautiful long coat. It can look as if it's floating across the landscape when it runs. The coats of both varieties—rough and

smooth—used to be mostly black, but now can be sable and white, tri-color, blue merle and white. The breed has an elegant wedge-shaped head. Collies can do well in the country or the city, but need companionship.



- ☐ Personality: Graceful, devoted, and proud
- ☐ Energy Level: Very Active; Collies are active and need daily exercise, but they're happy to chill at home the rest of the time
- ☐ Good with other Dogs: With Supervision
- ☐ Shedding: Seasonal
- ☐ Grooming: Occasional
- ☐ Trainability: Responds Well
- ☐ Height: 24-26 inches (male), 22-24 inches (female)
- ☐ Weight: 60-75 pounds (male), 50-65 pounds (female)
- ☐ Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

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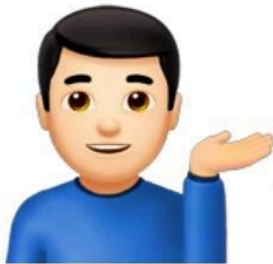
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