



# Dog Breed Groups

## *A Quick Reference Guide*

### *Sporting*



Historically bred as hunting dogs. They're intelligent and highly trainable, energetic and alert. Most will be excitable but sociable.

*Can Include:* **Golden Retriever, Cocker Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, English Setter, Vizsla**



### *Working*



Working dogs were bred to complete tasks like guarding or pulling heavy carts. They're typically very large, and head strong. Be sure you can accommodate large dogs before getting started!

*Can Include:* **Great Dane, Saint Bernard, Boxer, Giant Schnauzer, Portuguese Water Dog**



### *Herding*



A division of the working group, herders are bred for speed, strength and agility. These dogs are highly intelligent, energetic and extremely obedient if well trained.

*Can Include:* **Border Collie, Australian Shepard, Corgi, German Shepard Dog, Bouvier des Flanders**





Originally bred to kill rodents and other small animals, terriers have incredibly strong prey drives. Be careful with terriers around smaller animals!

*Can Include:* **Miniature Schnauzer, Airedale Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Scottish Terrier**



Toy breeds are bred exclusively for human companionship. Because of their size, expect toy breeds to be quite vocal. These are extremely common grooming clients!

*Can Include:* **Pomeranian, Havanese, Maltese, Papillon, Italian Greyhound**



Bred as hunting companions, hounds have heightened sense of smell and extremely high physical endurance.

*Can Include:* **Beagle, Basset Hound, Whippet, Afghan Hound, Dachshund**



These are dogs that don't fit into any of the other groups mentioned here.

*Can Include:* **Poodle, Shar Pei, Bichon Frise, Boston Terrier, Lhasa Apso**

