

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB GROUPS & BREEDS

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Use this guide to narrow your search for the breed best suited to your lifestyle. These breeds were accepted by the American Kennel Club as of Nov. 1, 2007.

KEY

Size: *Extra Small:* 10 pounds or less; *Small:* 10 to 25 pounds; *Medium:* 25 to 50 pounds; *Large:* 50 to 100 pounds; *Extra Large:* 100 pounds or more.

AKC Group: SP = Sporting; HD = Hound;

WK = Working; TR = Terrier; TY = Toy;

NS = Non-sporting; HR = Herding; MS = Miscellaneous

Exercise Needs and Grooming Requirements:

• = Low; •• = Moderate; ••• = High

Apartment Dwellers: Y = Yes; N = No; P = Possible

EXTRA SMALL

Brussels Griffon	63	TY	•	Y	••
Chihuahua	11	TY	•	Y	•
Italian Greyhound	59	TY	•	Y	•
Japanese Chin	72	TY	•	Y	••
Maltese	18	TY	•	Y	•••
Papillon	35	TY	•	Y	••
Pomeranian	14	TY	•	Y	•••
Silky Terrier	70	TY	••	Y	•••
Toy Fox Terrier	89	TY	••	Y	•
Yorkshire Terrier	2	TY	•	Y	•••

SMALL

Affenpinscher	125	TY	•	Y	•
American Eskimo Dog	109	NS	••	N	••
Australian Terrier	113	TR	••	Y	••
Basenji	84	HD	••	N	•
Bedlington Terrier	128	TR	••	Y	•••
Bichon Frise	29	NS	•	Y	•••
Border Terrier	81	TR	••	Y	•
Boston Terrier	15	NS	•	Y	•
Cairn Terrier	48	TR	••	Y	••
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	27	TY	•	Y	••
Chinese Crested	52	TY	•	Y	•
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	144	TR	••	Y	••
English Toy Spaniel	120	TY	•	Y	••
Fox Terrier, Smooth	102	TR	•••	N	•
Fox Terrier, Wire	78	TR	•••	N	••
Havanese	38	TY	•	Y	•••

Lakeland Terrier	127	TR	•••	N	••
Lhasa Apso	46	NS	•	Y	•••
Manchester Terrier (Standard)*	106	TR	••	N	•
Manchester Terrier (Toy)*	106	TY	••	N	•
Miniature Bull Terrier	129	TR	•••	N	•
Miniature Pinscher	23	TY	•	Y	•
Miniature Schnauzer	10	TR	••	Y	••
Norfolk Terrier	115	TR	••	Y	•
Norwich Terrier	94	TR	••	Y	•
Parson Russell Terrier	75	TR	•••	N	•
Pekingese	49	TY	•	Y	•••
Pug	13	TY	•	Y	•
Schipperke	82	NS	••	Y	•
Scottish Terrier	42	TR	••	Y	••
Sealyham Terrier	149	TR	••	N	••
Shiba Inu	65	NS	••	Y	••
Shih Tzu	9	TY	•	Y	•••
Skye Terrier	146	TR	••	Y	•••
Swedish Vallhund	N/A***	HR	••	N	••
Tibetan Spaniel	101	NS	••	Y	•••
Tibetan Terrier	95	NS	••	Y	•••
Toy Poodle **	8	TY	••	Y	•••
Welsh Terrier	91	TR	•••	Y	••
West Highland White Terrier	33	TR	••	Y	••
Whippet	60	HD	•••	P	•

MEDIUM

American Water Spaniel	133	SP	•••	N	•
Australian Cattle Dog	67	HR	•••	N	•
Australian Shepherd	34	HR	•••	N	•
Beagle	5	HD	••	Y	•
Border Collie	56	HR	•••	N	•
Brittany	31	SP	•••	N	•
Bulldog	12	NS	•	Y	•
Bull Terrier	61	TR	•••	N	•
Canaan Dog	150	HR	••	N	•
Chinese Shar-Pei	47	NS	••	Y	•
Chow Chow	64	NS	••	N	•••
Cocker Spaniel	16	SP	••	P	••
Dachshund	6	HD	•	Y	•
English Cocker Spaniel	74	SP	•••	N	••
English Springer Spaniel	26	SP	••	N	••
Field Spaniel	126	SP	•••	Y	••
Finnish Spitz	147	NS	••	N	••
French Bulldog	36	NS	•	Y	•
German Pinscher	143	WK	•••	Y	•
Glen of Imaal Terrier	153	TR	••	Y	•
Irish Terrier	123	TR	•••	N	••

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Keeshond 93
Kerry Blue Terrier 114
Löwchen 132
Norwegian Buhund N/A***
Norwegian Elkhound 92
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever 110
Polish Lowland Sheepdog 142
Poodle (Miniature)** 08
Portuguese Water Dog 69
Puli 140
Pyrenean Shepherd N/A***
Shetland Sheepdog 20
Siberian Husky 25
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier 62
Staffordshire Bull Terrier 80
Standard Schnauzer 99
Sussex Spaniel 145
Welsh Corgi, Cardigan 79
Welsh Corgi, Pembroke 22
Welsh Springer Spaniel 124

NS	●●	Y	●●●
TR	●●●	N	●●
NS	●●	Y	●●●
MS	●●	N	●●
HD	●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●●
HR	●●●	Y	●●●
NS	●●●	Y	●●●
WK	●●●	N	●●
HR	●●●	Y	●●●
MS	●●	N	●
HR	●●●	Y	●●●
WK	●●●	N	●●
TR	●●●	Y	●●
TR	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●●
WK	●●●	N	●●
SP	●●	Y	●●
HR	●●	Y	●
HR	●●	Y	●
SP	●●●	N	●●

LARGE

Airedale Terrier 55
Afghan Hound 87
Akita 53
Alaskan Malamute 57
American Staffordshire Terrier 66
Anatolian Shepherd 111
Basset Hound 28
Bearded Collie 104
Beauceron N/A***
Belgian Malinois 90
Belgian Sheepdog 122
Belgian Tervuren 107
Black and Tan Coonhound 131
Bloodhound 45
Borzoi 96
Bouvier des Flandres 86
Boxer 7
Briard 118
Chesapeake Bay Retriever 50
Clumber Spaniel 121
Collie 37
Curly-Coated Retriever 137
Dalmatian 85
Doberman Pinscher 21
Dogue de Bordeaux N/A***
English Setter 98

TR	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●●●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●●
TR	●●●	N	●
WK	●●	N	●●
HD	●●	Y	●
HR	●●	N	●●
HD	●●●	N	●
HR	●●●	N	●●
HR	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	Y	●
HD	●●●	N	●
HR	●●●	N	●●
WK	●●●	N	●
HR	●●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●
SP	●●	P	●●
HR	●●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●●
NS	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●
MS	●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●●

Flat-Coated Retriever 100
Foxhound, American 151
Foxhound, English 155
German Shepherd Dog 3
German Shorthaired Pointer 19
German Wirehaired Pointer 73
Giant Schnauzer 83
Golden Retriever 4
Gordon Setter 88
Greyhound 136
Harrier 154
Ibizan Hound 138
Irish Setter 68
Irish Water Spaniel 139
Komondor 148
Kuvasz 130
Labrador Retriever 1
Old English Sheepdog 71
Otterhound 152
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen 119
Pharaoh Hound 141
Plott 108
Pointer 103
Poodle (Standard)** 8
Redbone Coonhound N/A***
Rhodesian Ridgeback 54
Rottweiler 17
Samoyed 76
Saluki 116
Scottish Deerhound 135
Spinone Italiano 117
Vizsla 43
Weimaraner 30
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon 105

SP	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
HR	●●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●●●
SP	●●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●●
HD	●●●	Y	●
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SP	●●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●●
WK	●●●	N	●●●
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SP	●●●	P	●
HR	●●●	N	●●●
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HD	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
MS	●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●
NS	●●●	Y	●●●
MS	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●●
HD	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
SP	●●	N	●●
SP	●●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●
SP	●●●	N	●

GIANT

Bernese Mountain Dog 41
Black Russian Terrier 134
Bullmastiff 40
Great Dane 24
Great Pyrenees 58
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog 97
Irish Wolfhound 77
Mastiff 32
Neapolitan Mastiff 112
Newfoundland 44
Saint Bernard 39
Tibetan Mastiff 51

WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	N	●
HD	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	P	●
WK	●●●	N	●
WK	●●●	P	●●
WK	●●●	N	●●
MS	●●●	N	●●

* This ranking is for the combined registrations of both Manchester Terrier sizes.

** This ranking is for the combined registrations of Standard, Miniature and Toy Poodles.

*** Rankings are not yet available for these newer breeds.