

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, 2008.

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	60	TY	●	Y	●●
Chihuahua	12	TY	●	Y	●
Italian Greyhound	59	TY	●	Y	●
Japanese Chin	71	TY	●	Y	●●
Maltese	19	TY	●	Y	●●●
Papillon	36	TY	●	Y	●●
Pomeranian	13	TY	●	Y	●●●
Silky Terrier	74	TY	●●	Y	●●●
Toy Fox Terrier	88	TY	●●	Y	●
Yorkshire Terrier	2	TY	●	Y	●●●

SMALL

Affenpinscher	125	TY	●	Y	●●
American Eskimo Dog	109	NS	●●	N	●●
Australian Terrier	108	TR	●●	Y	●●
Basenji	89	HD	●●	N	●
Bedlington Terrier	129	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Bichon Frisé	32	NS	●	Y	●●●
Border Terrier	81	TR	●●	Y	●●
Boston Terrier	16	NS	●	Y	●
Cairn Terrier	48	TR	●●	Y	●●
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	25	TY	●	Y	●●
Chinese Crested	52	TY	●	Y	●
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	148	TR	●●	Y	●●
English Toy Spaniel	121	TY	●	Y	●●
Fox Terrier, Smooth	102	TR	●●●	N	●
Fox Terrier, Wire	82	TR	●●●	N	●●
Havanese	37	TY	●	Y	●●●
Lakeland Terrier	130	TR	●●●	N	●●
Lhasa Apso	49	NS	●	Y	●●●

Manchester Terrier (Standard)*	113	TR	●●	N	●
Manchester Terrier (Toy)*	113	TY	●●	N	●
Miniature Bull Terrier	127	TR	●●●	N	●
Miniature Pinscher	26	TY	●	Y	●
Miniature Schnauzer	11	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Norfolk Terrier	112	TR	●●	Y	●●
Norwich Terrier	95	TR	●●	Y	●●
Parson Russell Terrier	75	TR	●●●	N	●
Pekingese	50	TY	●	Y	●●●
Pug	14	TY	●	Y	●
Schipperke	86	NS	●●	Y	●
Scottish Terrier	45	TR	●●	Y	●●
Sealyham Terrier	146	TR	●●	N	●●
Shiba Inu	67	NS	●●	Y	●●
Shih Tzu	9	TY	●	Y	●●●
Skye Terrier	152	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Swedish Vallhund	87	HR	●●	N	●●
Tibetan Spaniel	104	NS	●●	Y	●●
Tibetan Terrier	92	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Toy Poodle **	8	TY	●●	Y	●●●
Welsh Terrier	97	TR	●●●	Y	●●
West Highland White Terrier	35	TR	●●	Y	●●
Whippet	62	HD	●●●	P	●

MEDIUM

American Water Spaniel	138	SP	●●●	N	●
Australian Cattle Dog	64	HR	●●●	N	●
Australian Shepherd	33	HR	●●●	N	●●
Beagle	5	HD	●●	Y	●
Border Collie	54	HR	●●●	N	●
Brittany	29	SP	●●●	N	●
Bulldog	10	NS	●	Y	●
Bull Terrier	58	TR	●●●	N	●
Canaan Dog	153	HR	●●	N	●
Chinese Shar-Pei	46	NS	●●	Y	●
Chow Chow	63	NS	●●	N	●●●
Cocker Spaniel	17	SP	●●	P	●●
Dachshund	7	HD	●	Y	●
English Cocker Spaniel	69	SP	●●●	N	●●
English Springer Spaniel	27	SP	●●●	N	●●
Field Spaniel	132	SP	●●●	N	●●
Finnish Spitz	151	NS	●●	N	●●
French Bulldog	34	NS	●	Y	●●
German Pinscher	135	WK	●●●	N	●
Glen of Imaal Terrier	149	TR	●●	Y	●
Harrier	150	HD	●●●	N	●
Irish Terrier	126	TR	●●●	N	●●
Keeshond	99	NS	●●	Y	●●●

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Kerry Blue Terrier	114	TR	●●●	N	●●●
Löwchen	139	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Norwegian Buhund**** n/a***		HD	●●	N	●●
Norwegian Elkhound	96	HD	●●	N	●●
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever .	110	SP	●●●	N	●●
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen . .	120	HD	●●●	N	●●
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	142	HR	●●●	N	●●●
Poodle (Miniature)**	8	NS	●●●	Y	●●●
Portuguese Water Dog	65	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Puli	141	HR	●●●	Y	●●●
Pyrenean Shepherd**** n/a***		HD	●●	N	●
Shetland Sheepdog	20	HR	●●●	Y	●●●
Siberian Husky	24	WK	●●●	N	●●
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier . . .	61	TR	●●●	Y	●●●
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	85	TR	●●●	N	●
Standard Schnauzer	102	WK	●●●	N	●●
Sussex Spaniel	154	SP	●●	Y	●●
Welsh Corgi, Cardigan	78	HR	●●	Y	●
Welsh Corgi, Pembroke	22	HR	●●	Y	●
Welsh Springer Spaniel	124	SP	●●●	N	●●

■ LARGE

Airedale Terrier	55	TR	●●●	N	●●●
Afghan Hound	94	HD	●●●	N	●●●
Akita	51	WK	●●●	N	●
Alaskan Malamute	56	WK	●●●	N	●●
American Staffordshire Terrier . .	68	TR	●●●	N	●
Basset Hound	31	HD	●●	Y	●
Bearded Collie	107	HR	●●●	N	●●
Beauceron	76	HR	●●●	N	●
Belgian Malinois	79	HR	●●●	N	●
Belgian Sheepdog	119	HR	●●●	N	●●
Belgian Tervuren	103	HR	●●●	N	●●
Black and Tan Coonhound	136	HD	●●●	N	●
Bloodhound	43	HD	●●●	N	●
Bouvier des Flandres	84	HR	●●●	N	●●
Boxer	6	WK	●●●	N	●
Briard	123	HR	●●●	N	●●
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	47	SP	●●●	N	●
Clumber Spaniel	122	SP	●●	P	●●
Collie	38	HR	●●●	N	●●
Curly-Coated Retriever	143	SP	●●●	N	●●
Dalmatian	77	NS	●●●	N	●
Doberman Pinscher	21	WK	●●●	N	●
English Setter	93	SP	●●●	N	●●
Flat-Coated Retriever	100	SP	●●●	N	●
Foxhound, American	155	HD	●●●	N	●
Foxhound, English	157	HD	●●●	N	●

German Shepherd Dog	3	HR	●●●	N	●
German Shorthaired Pointer . . .	18	SP	●●●	N	●
German Wirehaired Pointer	70	SP	●●●	N	●●
Giant Schnauzer	83	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Golden Retriever	4	SP	●●●	N	●●
Gordon Setter	91	SP	●●●	N	●
Greyhound	133	HD	●●●	Y	●
Ibizan Hound	140	HD	●●●	N	●
Irish Red & White Setter**** n/a***		HD	●●●	N	●●
Irish Setter	66	SP	●●●	N	●●
Irish Water Spaniel	147	SP	●●●	N	●●
Komondor	144	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Kuvasz	134	WK	●●●	N	●●
Labrador Retriever	1	SP	●●●	P	●
Old English Sheepdog	72	HR	●●●	N	●●●
Otterhound	156	HD	●●●	N	●●
Pharaoh Hound	145	HD	●●●	N	●
Plott	116	HD	●●	N	●
Pointer	106	SP	●●●	N	●
Poodle (Standard)**	8	NS	●●●	Y	●●●
Redbone Coonhound n/a***		MS	●●●	N	●
Rhodesian Ridgeback	53	HD	●●●	N	●
Rottweiler	15	WK	●●●	N	●
Samoyed	73	WK	●●●	N	●●
Saluki	118	HD	●●●	N	●
Spinone Italiano	117	SP	●●	N	●●
Vizsla	42	SP	●●●	N	●
Weimaraner	30	SP	●●●	N	●
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon . . .	105	SP	●●●	N	●●

■ GIANT

Anatolian Shepherd	111	WK	●●	N	●●
Bernese Mountain Dog	41	WK	●●●	N	●●
Black Russian Terrier	131	WK	●●●	N	●●
Borzoi	98	HD	●●●	N	●●
Bullmastiff	40	WK	●●●	P	●
Dogue de Bordeaux n/a***		WK	●●	N	●●
Great Dane	23	WK	●●●	N	●
Great Pyrenees	57	WK	●●●	N	●●
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog . .	90	WK	●●●	N	●
Irish Wolfhound	80	HD	●●●	N	●●
Mastiff	28	WK	●●●	P	●
Neapolitan Mastiff	115	WK	●●●	N	●
Newfoundland	44	WK	●●●	P	●●
Saint Bernard	39	WK	●●●	P	●●
Scottish Deerhound	137	HD	●●●	N	●●
Tibetan Mastiff	128	WK	●●●	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.
 ****In group as of January 2009.