

# American Kennel Club GROUPS & BREEDS

## SIZE / BREED

AKC RANKING  
GROUP  
EXERCISE NEEDS  
APARTMENT?  
GROOMING

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 April 1, 2009.

### KEY

**Size:** **Extra Small:** 10 pounds or less; **Small:** 10 to 25 pounds; **Medium:** 25 to 50 pounds; **Large:** 50 to 100 pounds; **Giant:** 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	65	TY	●	Y	●●
Chihuahua	12	TY	●	Y	●
Italian Greyhound	59	TY	●	Y	●
Japanese Chin	72	TY	●	Y	●●
Maltese	20	TY	●	Y	●●●
Papillon	37	TY	●	Y	●●
Pomeranian	13	TY	●	Y	●●●
Silky Terrier	75	TY	●●	Y	●●●
Toy Fox Terrier	86	TY	●●	Y	●
Yorkshire Terrier	2	TY	●	Y	●●●

### SMALL

Affenpinscher	130	TY	●	Y	●●
American Eskimo Dog	106	NS	●●	N	●●
Australian Terrier	108	TR	●●	Y	●●
Basenji	83	HD	●●	N	●
Bedlington Terrier	124	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Bichon Frisé	35	NS	●	Y	●●●
Border Terrier	78	TR	●●	Y	●●
Boston Terrier	17	NS	●	Y	●
Cairn Terrier	49	TR	●●	Y	●●
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	25	TY	●	Y	●●
Cesky Terrier	n/a***	MS	●●	Y	●
Chinese Crested	52	TY	●	Y	●●
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	144	TR	●●	Y	●●
English Toy Spaniel	123	TY	●	Y	●●
Fox Terrier, Smooth	104	TR	●●	N	●
Fox Terrier, Wire	88	TR	●●	N	●●
Havanese	36	TY	●	Y	●●●
Lakeland Terrier	129	TR	●●	N	●●
Lhasa Apso	54	NS	●	Y	●●●
Manchester Terrier (Standard)*	105	TR	●●	N	●
Manchester Terrier (Toy)*	122	TY	●●	Y	●

Miniature Bull Terrier	127	TR	●●●	N	●
Miniature Pinscher	32	TY	●●	Y	●
Miniature Schnauzer	11	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Norfolk Terrier	113	TR	●●	Y	●●
Norwich Terrier	95	TR	●●	Y	●●
Parson Russell Terrier	82	TR	●●●	N	●
Pekingese	53	TY	●	Y	●●●
Poodle (Toy)**	9	TY	●●	Y	●●●
Pug	15	TY	●	Y	●
Schipperke	89	NS	●●	Y	●
Scottish Terrier	47	TR	●●	Y	●●
Sealyham Terrier	150	TR	●●	Y	●●
Shiba Inu	63	NS	●●	Y	●●
Shih Tzu	10	TY	●	Y	●●●
Skye Terrier	141	TR	●●	Y	●●●
Swedish Vallhund	147	HR	●●	N	●●
Tibetan Spaniel	102	NS	●●	Y	●●
Tibetan Terrier	94	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Welsh Terrier	99	TR	●●	Y	●●
West Highland White Terrier	34	TR	●●	Y	●●
Whippet	61	HD	●●●	P	●
Xoloitzcuintli (Toy, Miniature) n/a***		MS	●●	Y	●●

### MEDIUM

American Water Spaniel	134	SP	●●●	N	●
Australian Cattle Dog	66	HR	●●●	N	●
Australian Shepherd	29	HR	●●●	N	●●
Beagle	5	HD	●●	Y	●
Border Collie	51	HR	●●●	N	●●
Boykin Spaniel****	n/a***	SP	●●●	N	●●
Brittany	30	SP	●●●	N	●●
Bulldog	8	NS	●	Y	●●
Bull Terrier	55	TR	●●●	N	●
Canaan Dog	148	HR	●●	N	●
Chinese Shar-Pei	45	NS	●●	Y	●
Chow Chow	64	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Cocker Spaniel	21	SP	●●	P	●●●
Dachshund	7	HD	●	Y	●●
English Cocker Spaniel	68	SP	●●	Y	●●
English Springer Spaniel	27	SP	●●●	N	●●
Field Spaniel	138	SP	●●●	N	●●
Finnish Lapphund****	n/a***	MS	●●	N	●●
Finnish Spitz	151	NS	●●	N	●●
French Bulldog	26	NS	●	Y	●
German Pinscher	139	WK	●●●	N	●
Glen of Imaal Terrier	154	TR	●●	Y	●●
Harrier	150	HD	●●●	N	●
Icelandic Sheepdog	n/a***	MS	●●	N	●●
Irish Terrier	128	TR	●●●	N	●●
Keeshond	93	NS	●●	Y	●●
Kerry Blue Terrier	118	TR	●●●	N	●●●

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Löwchen	135	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Norwegian Buhund	n/a***	HR	●●	N	●●
Norwegian Elkhound	98	HD	●●	N	●●
Norwegian Lundehound	n/a***	MS	●●	N	●●
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	100	SP	●●●	N	●●
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	117	HD	●●●	N	●●
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	143	HR	●●●	N	●●●
Poodle (Miniature)**	9	NS	●●	Y	●●●
Portuguese Water Dog	62	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Puli	140	HR	●●●	N	●●●
Pyrenean Shepherd	n/a***	HR	●●	N	●●
Shetland Sheepdog	19	HR	●●●	Y	●●●
Siberian Husky	23	WK	●●●	N	●●
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier	58	TR	●●●	Y	●●●
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	76	TR	●●●	N	●
Standard Schnauzer	97	WK	●●●	N	●●
Sussex Spaniel	145	SP	●●	N	●●
Welsh Corgi, Cardigan	80	HR	●●	Y	●●
Welsh Corgi, Pembroke	24	HR	●●	Y	●●
Welsh Springer Spaniel	120	SP	●●●	N	●●
Xoloitzcuintli (Standard) n/a***		MS	●●	P	●●

### LARGE

Airedale Terrier	56	TR	●●●	N	●●●
Afghan Hound	91	HD	●●●	N	●●●
Akita	50	WK	●●●	N	●●
Alaskan Malamute	57	WK	●●●	N	●●
American Staffordshire Terrier	69	TR	●●●	N	●
Basset Hound	33	HD	●●	Y	●
Bearded Collie	107	HR	●●●	N	●●●
Beauceron	136	HR	●●●	N	●
Belgian Malinois	77	HR	●●●	N	●
Belgian Sheepdog	114	HR	●●●	N	●●
Belgian Tervuren	101	HR	●●●	N	●●
Black and Tan Coonhound	136	HD	●●●	N	●
Bloodhound	41	HD	●●●	N	●
Bluetick Coonhound****	n/a***	HD	●●●	N	●
Bouvier des Flandres	81	HR	●●●	N	●●
Boxer	6	WK	●●●	N	●
Briard	121	HR	●●●	N	●●
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	46	SP	●●●	N	●
Clumber Spaniel	115	SP	●●	P	●●
Collie	38	HR	●●●	N	●●
Curly-Coated Retriever	136	SP	●●●	N	●●
Dalmatian	74	NS	●●●	N	●
Doberman Pinscher	18	WK	●●●	N	●
English Setter	84	SP	●●●	N	●●
Entlebucher Mountain Dog	n/a***	MS	●●	N	●
Flat-Coated Retriever	96	SP	●●●	N	●
Foxhound, American	156	HD	●●●	N	●
Foxhound, English	155	HD	●●●	N	●

German Shepherd Dog	3	HR	●●●	N	●
German Shorthaired Pointer	18	SP	●●●	N	●
German Wirehaired Pointer	70	SP	●●●	N	●●
Giant Schnauzer	85	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Golden Retriever	4	SP	●●●	N	●●
Gordon Setter	90	SP	●●●	N	●●
Greyhound	127	HD	●●	Y	●
Ibizan Hound	132	HD	●●●	N	●
Irish Red & White Setter	n/a***	SP	●●●	N	●
Irish Setter	67	SP	●●●	N	●●
Irish Water Spaniel	142	SP	●●●	N	●●
Komondor	149	WK	●●●	N	●●●
Kuvasz	133	WK	●●●	N	●●
Labrador Retriever	1	SP	●●●	P	●
Old English Sheepdog	73	HR	●●●	N	●●
Otterhound	152	HD	●●●	N	●●
Pharaoh Hound	146	HD	●●●	N	●
Plott	125	HD	●●	N	●
Pointer	109	SP	●●●	N	●
Poodle (Standard)**	9	NS	●●●	Y	●●●
Redbone Coonhound****	n/a***	HD	●●●	N	●
Rhodesian Ridgeback	48	HD	●●●	N	●
Rottweiler	14	WK	●●●	N	●
Samoyed	71	WK	●●●	N	●●
Saluki	116	HD	●●●	N	●
Spinone Italiano	112	SP	●●	N	●●
Treeing Walker Coonhound	n/a***	MS	●●●	N	●
Vizsla	42	SP	●●●	N	●
Weimaraner	31	SP	●●●	N	●
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon	103	SP	●●●	N	●●

### GIANT

Anatolian Shepherd	108	WK	●●	N	●●
Bernese Mountain Dog	40	WK	●●●	N	●●
Black Russian Terrier	131	WK	●●●	N	●●
Borzoi	92	HD	●●●	N	●●
Bullmastiff	39	WK	●●●	P	●
Cane Corso	n/a***	MS	●●●	N	●●
Dogue de Bordeaux	n/a***	WK	●●	N	●●
Great Dane	22	WK	●●●	N	●
Great Pyrenees	60	WK	●●●	N	●●
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	87	WK	●●●	N	●
Irish Wolfhound	79	HD	●●●	N	●●
Leonberger	n/a***	MS	●●●	N	●●
Mastiff	28	WK	●●●	N	●
Neapolitan Mastiff	110	WK	●●●	N	●
Newfoundland	44	WK	●●●	N	●●
Saint Bernard	43	WK	●●●	N	●●
Scottish Deerhound	131	HD	●●●	N	●●
Tibetan Mastiff	126	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 July 2009.  
 \*\*\*\*\* In group as of January 2010.