

Do All Big Dogs Slobber?

If you can't stand dog slobber, certain dog breeds may suit you best.

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Q. Is there a large dog breed that doesn't coat your house in slobber?

A. I must agree; slobber is pretty gross but some dog lovers have no problem overlooking it. It seems as if the dogs that slobber just love to shake their heads and send it flying – all over the house, the car windows, your clothes, your hair and your mother-in-law when she comes to visit. Other than outfitting your large-breed dog with a bib, and keeping a bottle of spray cleaner and serving towels at the ready, there is really not much you can do about it.

The worst offenders seem to be Newfoundlands, St. Bernards, Bloodhounds, Bulldogs, Basset Hounds, and Mastiffs. Bear in mind that all dogs salivate when they become stressed or overheated, so at some point if you own a dog, you will most likely encounter dog drool. The good news is there are many large-breed dogs that will not normally shower you with slobber. As always, I recommend doing research before bringing any dog, large or small, into your life. Consider how much food, room to run, and grooming big dogs will need as well. But any dog owner will tell you, dog slobber comes with the territory.