

Are you a Rottweiler person?

Find out if this adventuresome breed is for you.

Lets take each question one at a time:1. Do you have the time to give to a dog? Having time for a dog does not mean that you cannot work and own a dog. Your pet will need quality time, though, just as a child does. He must be fed two times a day and exercised several times a day. He needs to be petted and loved, and he will like to go for rides in the car with you. You must work with him to have an obedient dog who has good manners. Your dog should have at least two good outings a day, and that means a walk or a good romp in the morning and the evening. Never let him out loose to run the neighborhood. 2. Do you have a fenced-in yard? Your yard should be large enough to allow you to throw a ball and for your dog to run with it. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep the yard clean of feces. When walking your dog it is essential to carry a plastic bag or two to pick up droppings. These can be easily dropped in a trash receptacle on your way home.3. Have you owned a dog previously? This will give you a good idea of what a dog expects from you and what you must do for your dog. Since the Rottweiler is one of the strongest dogs in the canine world, you must be able to handle him. In addition, the Rottweiler is smart and needs an owner who is equally as smart as, or smarter than, he is!4. Be sure to check with your local offices and find out if there are any breed-specific laws for your area. Your local council may not allow certain breeds in the area and the Rottweiler just may be one of these breeds.5. You should talk to your neighbors about adding a Rottweiler to your household. Give them some information on the breed and reassure them that you are purchasing your puppy from a responsible breeder and that you will give this dog the time, the care and the training that he will need. 6. Grooming is minimal with this breed, but you will need to trim his toenails, wash his face once or twice a week, keep his ears clean and give him baths as needed.7. Good humor and a childlike sense of adventure are required for owning a Rottweiler, as these are traits that the breed embraces. You also must be physically fit and enjoy activity, also characteristics that the Rottweiler appreciates. Experience with dogs and a well-grounded sense of responsibility are keys to owning this large and powerful dog, a dog that demands respect and understanding. Being able to train the Rottweiler, physically and mentally, is of paramount importance as well. In spite of the toughness of the dog and the occasional difficulty in acceptance of the breed by ones neighbors, the Rottweiler is appreciated for his intelligence, his devotion to his family, his abilities for guarding those around him and their possessions and his good looks. However, do learn about the breed before rushing out and buying the first puppy you see. For more information about the Rottweiler, go to your local library and check out any other books on the breed. In addition, an excellent source of information can be found on the Internet at the American Rottweiler Club (ARC) website. This website is an excellent source of information on the breed as well as a directory of local Rottweiler clubs and contact people.

Next step: Rottweiler Overview

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