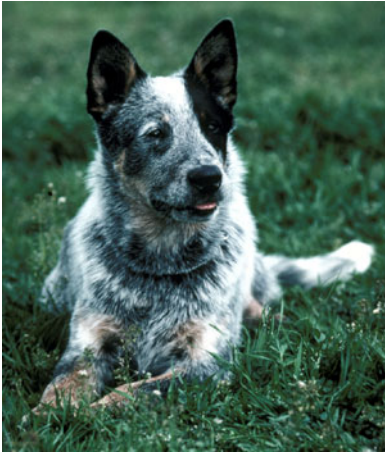


Herding Group



Australian Cattle Dog

Country of Origin: Australia

Weight Range: 35-45 lbs

Height Range: 17-20 in

Lifestyle: Unsuitable as a child's companion; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny locations; Content to live and sleep outdoors; May be troublesome with other dogs (needs socialization early in life); Needs lots of physical exercise; Sheds a lot during spring and little through the rest of the year; Can be wary of strangers; Good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: Needs to be brushed at least once a week

Colors: Blue, Blue mottled, Blue speckled, Red mottled, Red speckled

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, congenital deafness, blindness, glaucoma, lens luxation, OCD (a joint disorder),

Possible Behavior Problems: willfulness, strong-willed; early, consistent socialization and training requirement; aggression towards other dogs; destructiveness; may herd/nip heels of people

Use today: Cattle herding, companion

First Bred For: cattle/steer herding

Character Traits: versatile, tough, courageous, fearless, wary, territorial, quick learners, very active, loves to herd things that move, good companions after being socialized



Australian Shepherd Dog

Country of Origin: United States/Australia

Weight Range: 35-70 lbs

Height Range: 18-23 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets on well with other dogs; average shedders, shed a lot during spring; Requires a lot of exercise

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: Needs brushing twice a week

Colors: Black, blue merle, red, red merle

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy, deafness in merles, sunburn in red and red merles, epilepsy, auto-immune disorders, Collie eye anomaly, glaucoma, abnormally small eyes

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance (needs early training), strong herding instinct, aloofness

Use today: companion, sheep herding, service dog, search and rescue

First Bred For: Was first bred for sheep herding

Character Traits: not shy, but reserved with strangers, devoted to family, likes children, very active, quick learner, obedient and willing nature, natural good looks, affectionate, playful, basic working instinct, inherent trainability, good herding ability



Bearded Collie

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 40-60 lbs

Height Range: 20-22 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living, but best for country living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Difficult to obedience train; Shed very little; Needs constant mental and physical stimulation; Needs people with time and energy; Resistant to weather changes; Content to live/sleep outdoors

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: coat tends to mat; weekly, energetic brushing for first few years, then 20 minute weekly brushings

Colors: Black, Blue, Brown, Fawn, Tri-color, Gray, White, Liver/White, Red/Brown, Combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, cataracts, Addison's disease, hypothyroidism, autoimmune diseases, heart problems, epilepsy

Possible Behavior Problems: Possible herding of other animals and children, possessiveness, may knock over toddlers

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: sheep herding

Character Traits: joyous, gentle, affectionate, a very good pet, very social, loves to be in the middle of everything, exuberant, high spirited, friendly, loves to run



Belgian Malinois

Country of Origin: Belgium

Weight Range: 61-63 lbs

Height Range: 22-26 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog; Average shedder/easy care coat; Not good for inexperienced owners or busy households; Need a lot of one-on-one attention

Daily Exercise: 1 hour of vigorous exercise

Daily Care: need brushing twice a week

Colors: Fawn, fawn/sable, mahogany, red, red sable, black, brindle,

cream, cream/sable, gray, gray/sable, liver

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: Hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, pannus, epilepsy, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: Aggression, fear biting, indoor restlessness, destructiveness when left alone, over-dominance (need serious obedience training early in life)

Use today: Companion, security, assistance

First Bred For: livestock herding and protection of flocks from wolves and other predators

Character Traits: keen intelligence, trainability, high indoor energy level, fearless



Bergamasco

Country of Origin: Italy

Weight Range: 57-84 lbs

Height Range: 22-24 in

Lifestyle: Unsuitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; May be difficult with other dogs; Good watchdog; Good for people with allergies (unless allergic to wool or lanolin)

Coat Facts: Have long upper eyelashes to keep hair out of eyes; Long hair protects eyes from snowblindness; Similar to a

combination of dog hair, goat hair, and wool; Forms feltlike mats that grow throughout life; Coat will reach ground at about 6 years of age; Smells like a sweater when wet

Colors: Black, Gray

Life Expectancy: 11-13 years

Possible Health Problems: none known

Use today: companion, guarding

First Bred For: livestock/guard dog

Character Traits: trim, athletic dog, no tendency to overeat, extremely acute hearing, an almost psychic awareness of its environment, reliable predictors of approaching visitors or violent behavior, affectionate, loyal, courageous, very sociable, develops independent relationships with each person in the household relating to them in an individualized way



Border Collie

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 30-49 lbs

Height Range: 18-21 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Unsuitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Easy to obedience train; Needs lots of physical exercise; Needs constant stimulation; Good watchdog; Usually not friendly with other dogs; Can be wary of children

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Colors: Black, blue, blue merle, brindle, gold, lilac, red,

red merle, sable, sable merle, saddleback sable, white/black, white/blue, white/blue merle, white/red, white/red merle, white ticked

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: epilepsy, congenital deafness, hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, collie eye anomaly, OCD (joint disorder), cataracts, paralysis

Possible Behavior Problems: Restlessness, destructiveness, and nippiness when bored; not especially good with children; herding every animal and person in sight (good breeding and training required); snappiness

Use today: Companion, sheepdog trials, sheepherding

First Bred For: sheep/cattle herding

Character Traits: affectionate, but difficult, prefer praise to punishment, obedient, trainable, very territorial, not friendly with strangers



Bouvier Des Flandres

Country of Origin: Belgium/France

Weight Range: 60-88 lbs

Height Range: 23-27 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living, but best for country life; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Content to sleep/live outdoors; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; Sheds very little; Does not like hot, humid conditions; Does not like small quarters

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing twice a week; a professional trim on a regular basis

Colors: Black, brindle, fawn, gray, gray brindle, pepper & salt, black/brindle, black/brown, black/gray, black/white, blue, blue/gray, brown, silver/gray, white

Life Expectancy: 11-12 years

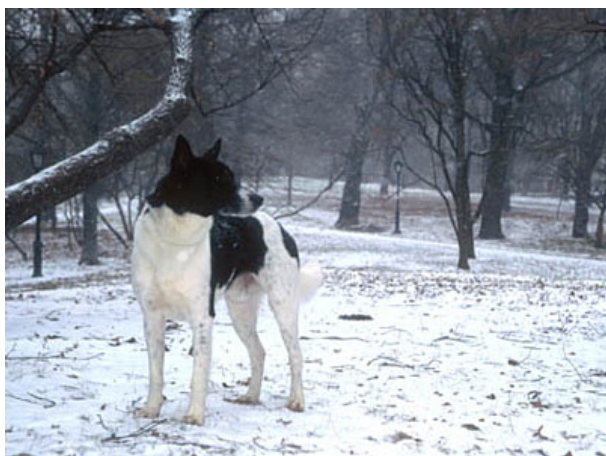
Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, bloat, elbow dysplasia, heart conditions, thyroid problems, eye problems (cataracts, ectropion, glaucoma), twisting of the spleen, paralysis of the larynx, cancerous tumors

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance, unpredictable behavior in puppyhood (Needs early obedience training)

Use today: Companion, guarding

First Used For: cattle herding/guarding

Character Traits: powerful, usually amiable, can be quite aggressive, good companion and farm worker, can be rough, loves to play with children and other animals with whom they are unusually good



Canaan Dog

Country of Origin: Israel

Weight Range: 35-55 lbs

Height Range: 19-24 in

Lifestyle: Suitable as a child's companion; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Requires minimal grooming; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog; Requires some exercise; Suitable for apartment living; Are not good pets for inexperienced; Shed continuously particularly in the spring; Not good pets for inexperienced owners; Communicate mostly through body language and small noises

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black, Cream, Golden, Liver, Red, Tan, White

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: Not prone to health problems, but could get hip dysplasia or progressive retinal atrophy

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, independence, wariness of strangers, territoriality, firm obedience training requirement

Use today: livestock guarding, herding, tracking, search and rescue, companion

First Used For: scavenger, herder and guard dog for the Bedouins

Character Traits: highly developed sense of self-protection, very aware of their surroundings, affectionate to their owners, loyal, protective.



Cardigan Welsh Corgi

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Name Origin: “Cur” to watch over, Old Welsh “gi” dog

Weight Range: 28-35 lbs

Height Range: 10.5-12.5 in

Lifestyle: Sometimes suitable with children; Suitable for urban living; Difficult to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; Requires a moderate amount of physical exercise; Shed some and more during spring

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: brushing about once a week

Colors: Black/White, Blue Merle/White, Brindle/White, Brindle Sable/White, Red/White, Sable/White, Gray/White, Liver/White,

Red Merle/White, Sable Merle/White, White

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, hip dysplasia, various eye problems, obesity, hypothyroidism, intervertebral disc disease

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive barking, wariness of strangers, snapping at strangers’ heels, territoriality, aggression, may nip heels and nibble toes of their family

Use today: companion, livestock driving

First Used For: livestock driving by nipping at its heels

Character Traits: watchful and snappy defender of property, exuberant companion, feisty, brave, never backs down from confrontation, love companionship, affectionate, lively



Catahoula Leopard Dog

Country of Origin: United States (Louisiana)

Name Origin: “Catahoula” Choctaw Indian for “sacred lake”

Weight Range: 40-50 lbs

Height Range: 20-26 in

Lifestyle: Usually unsuitable companions for children; Unsuitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Not easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs

Colors: Merle, Black/Tan, Black, Blue, Brindle, Chocolate, White, Red, Yellow

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: inherited deafness in some catahoulas which are mostly white

Use today: herding, companion

First Bred For: deer hunting and herding



German Shepherd Dog

Country of Origin: Germany

Weight Range: 75-95 lbs

Height Range: 22-26 in

Lifestyle: Content to live and sleep outdoors; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Needs lots of physical/mental exercise; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog; Sheds a lot; Needs strong fence if left outdoors; Firm, early obedience training required

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: must be brushed often

Colors: Bi-color, black, black/cream, black/red, black/silver, black/tan, blue, gray, liver, sable & white

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, torsion and bloat, gastric disorders, penosteitis, spinal paralysis, eye disease, skin conditions, degenerative myelopathy, elbow dysplasia, OCD (a joint disorder), diabetes, pancreatitis, epilepsy, draining open tracts around the anus, arthritis,

Possible Behavior Problems: possible destructiveness, restlessness, nervousness, fear-biting (especially puppy-mill bred pups), challenging owners for dominance, aggression to other dogs

Use today: Companion, security, assistance, herder, seeing-eye dog, patrolman

First Bred For: herding and farm dogs

Character Traits: ideal fitness for work, love to work, when bred reliably: calm, reliable, responsive, obedient, highly intelligent, affectionate, loyal, good with children, very wary of strangers



Old English Sheepdog

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 65-67 lbs

Height Range: 22-24 in

Lifestyle: Very good with children; Suitable for urban living; May suffer from excessive heat; Requires a lot of grooming; Good watchdog; Requires a moderate amount of physical exercise; Sheds very little; Excellent companion

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing about 4 times a week, occasional professional trims

Colors: Black, Brindle, Buckskin, Maltese

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, cataracts, auto-immune disorders, skin conditions, glaucoma, progressive retinal atrophy, entropion, diabetes, hypothyroidism, deafness, wobblers

Possible Behavior Problems: puppy-mill individuals may steal or guard food, objects, and places; fear-bite; be restless; willfully disobey; bark excessively; be destructive; challenge owner dominance; be timid; develop phobias; and snap when irritated

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: driving sheep and cattle into market

Character Traits: intense demands for affection, burly, proverbial bull in a china shop, shuffling bear-like gate, tend to "herd" their family members, not aggressive, affectionate, gentle



Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 20-26 lbs

Height Range: 10-12 in

Lifestyle: Good family dog; Suitable for urban living; Easily trained; Gets along well with other people and animals; Good watchdog; Requires a moderate amount of physical exercise; Sheds a lot especially during spring

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: brushed at least twice a week

Colors: Black/tan, fawn, red, sable, black/white/ blue, white

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: von Willebrand's Disorder, various eye problems, hip dysplasia, degenerative myelopathy, obesity, progressive retinal atrophy, lens luxation, retinal dysplasia, cystinuria, intervertebral disc disease

Possible Behavior Problems: possible manipulateness or dominance, excessive barking, heel nipping, aggression, territoriality

Use today: Companion, driving livestock

First Bred For: drive cattle to markets

Character Traits: stamina, efficiency, active, outgoing, craves a lot of attention, never mean or quarrelsome, spunky, charming, hardy, obedient, happy



Puli

Country of Origin: Hungary

Weight Range: 22-33 lbs

Height Range: 14.5-17.5 in

Lifestyle: Could be suitable for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; May suffer from excessive heat; May be easy to obedience trained; Good watchdog; Thrives in cold climates; Coat mats easily but hardly ever sheds; Need firm handling and training; Good with its family and children; Not good for first time owners; Needs a lot of exercise; Wary of strangers and other dogs

Coat Facts: undercoat is soft, wooly, and very dense; outercoat is long and profuse and cords after puppyhood

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: daily specialized grooming, and constant cleaning to remove food and waste from hair

Colors: Black, Silver, White, Brindle, Brown, Cream, Rust

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, ear infections, von Willebrand's disorder, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy

Possible Behavior Problems: barking, demanding, stubbornness, assertiveness, guarding, indoor restlessness, willful disobedience

Use today: companion, obedience, retrieving

First Bred For: guarding flocks, hunting in marshes

Character Traits: adaptable, enjoys working with sheep, loves water



Rough Collie

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 40-66 lbs

Height Range: 20-24 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Can suffer for excess heat; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Needs lots of physical exercise; Sheds a lot; Good family dog; Not a good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: frequent brushing and occasional bathing

Colors: Black/white/tan, blue merle, blue merle/white, blue merle/tan, sable, sable/white, sable merle, sable merle/white, white, white merle

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, collie eye

anomaly, congenital deafness, skin conditions, crusty nose, arthritis, epilepsy, heart problems, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: Possible timidity, irritable snapping, roaming, restlessness, excessive vocalization if left alone, may herd small children and pets

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: sheep herding

Character Traits: devoted, elegant, beautiful in appearance, intensely loyal, affectionate in all his actions, self-appointed guardian of everything he can see or hear



Shetland Sheepdog

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 14-16 lbs

Height Range: 14-15 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Excellent for city/apartment living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Sheds a lot; Good guard dog

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: weekly brushing (more frequent during shedding season)

Colors: Tri-Color, Black/White, Blue Merle/White, Sable/White, Sable Merle/White, Black/Tan, White

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, collie eye anomaly, heart disease, deafness in blue merles, cataracts, hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, epilepsy, hypothyroidism, von Willebrand's disorder, dermatomyositis, heart anomaly, leg fractures, digestive problems

Possible Behavior Problems: Fear-biting; irritable snapping; excessive, endless barking; food stealing; timidity; phobias and tough shyness

Use today: Companion, sheep herding

First Bred For: sheep, hog, goat herding

Character Traits: responsive, very loyal, obedient, seems to be able to "read" their owners thoughts, independent



Smooth Collie

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 40-66 lbs

Height Range: 20-24 in

Lifestyle: Can suffer from excess heat; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Needs lots of physical exercise; Sheds only a little; Suitable for city life; Good companion; Good family dog; Not a good watchdog; Best suited for a large house or apartment with yard;

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black/white/tan, blue merle, blue merle/white, blue merle/tan, sable, sable/white, sable merle, sable merle/white, white, white merle

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, collie eye anomaly, congenital deafness, skin conditions, crusty nose, arthritis, epilepsy, heart problems, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: Possible timidity, irritable snapping, roaming, restlessness, excessive vocalization if left alone, may herd small children and pets

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: sheep herding

Character Traits: devoted, elegant, beautiful in appearance, intensely loyal, affectionate in all his actions, self-appointed guardian of everything he can see or hear, may be more suspicious of strangers than the rough-coated variety

Breed Associated Health Concerns

Small Breeds

Poodle, Dachsund, Lhasa Apso, Maltese, Bichon, Chihuahua, Boston, Jack Russell, Min. Pinscher, Pomeranian, Pug, Westie, Yorkie

Brachycephalic Syndrome, Herniated disc, Atopy (allergies), Patellar Luxation, Leggs-Perthes, Tracheal Collapse, Dystocia, Cushings, Mitral Valve Regurgitation, Hypoglycemia, Diabetes, Otitis externa, Pigmentary keratitis

Medium Breeds

Beagle, Bulldog, Cocker Spaniels, Schnauzer, Bassett Hound, Scottie, Springer Spaniel

Otitis externa, Atopy (allergies), Skin fold dermatitis, Glaucoma, Patellar Luxation, Cataracts, Dystocia, Elongated Soft Palate

Large Breeds

Boxer, Chow, Doberman Pinscher, Labrador, German Shepherd, Golden Retrievers, Collie, Dalmation, Pointer, Rottweiler, Weimaraner

Hip dysplasia, Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Cardiomyopathy, Hot Spots, Hypothyroidism, OCD, Entropion, Boxer Ulcers, Spondylosis, Wobblers, Osteocarcoma, Lick Granulomas, Panosteitis, Deafness

Giant Breeds

Bullmastiff, Great Danes, Great Pyrenes, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard, Burnese Mountain Dog

Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiomyopathy, OCD, Spondylosis, Osteocarcoma, Panosteitis