

## Primitive Dogs/Unrecognized Dogs



### American Bulldog

**Country of Origin:** United States

**Weight Range:** 65-130 lbs

**Height Range:** 19-28 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Requires minimal grooming; Difficult to obedience train; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Good watchdog; Needs experienced handling; Requires broad socialization when young; Needs early obedience training; Good with children when introduced at a young age; Requires a large living space; Sheds little; May be difficult with other dogs

**Daily Exercise:** 35 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing a few times a week

**Colors:** Variety of colors

**Life Expectancy:** 11-12 years

**Possible Health Problems:** a hardy breed but has a tendency for bloat, sensitive skin, body odor, and patellar luxation

**Possible Behavior Problems:** stubbornness and strength, firm handling requirement, aggression towards other dogs, destructiveness, territoriality

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** guarding, dog fighting, handling rough cattle and bulls

**Character Traits:** bold, lively, robust, well muscled, powerful, stubborn, willful, highly protective



### American Pit Bull Terrier

**Country of Origin:** United States

**Weight Range:** 30-80 lbs

**Height Range:** 18-22 in

**Lifestyle:** Only dogs known to have been raised correctly should be allowed around children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Unsuitable for outdoor living; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; Needs early socialization and obedience training; High indoor energy level; Needs lots of living space and a strong fenced yard; Almost no shedding

**Daily Exercise:** 35 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing once a week

**Colors:** All Colors

**Life Expectancy:** 12 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, thickened lower jaw, cataracts, hypothyroidism, cruciate ligament ruptures, cancer

**Possible Behavior Problems:** possible biting, careful training and socialization requirement, dominance, aggression towards other dogs and people, destructiveness

**Use today:** companion

**First Bred For:** dog fighting

**Character Traits:** natural tenaciousness, strong, companionable, gregarious, fawning



## Bichon/Yorkie

**Country of Origin:** Great Britain

**Cross:** Bichon Frise and Yorkshire Terrier

**Weight Range:** 7-13 lbs

**Height Range:** 9-12 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs

**Colors:** Variety of colors

**Life Expectancy:** 13-15 years

**Possible Health Problems:** none known

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** companionship

**Character Traits:** less likely to have slipping kneecaps or retained baby teeth, tenacious, resilient, insulating coat



## Dingo

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Weight Range:** 22-44 lbs

**Height Range:** up to 21 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually unsuitable as a child's companion; 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:** Variety of colors

**Life Expectancy:** 10 years

**Possible Health Problems:** none known

**Use today:** rarely kept

**First Bred For:** a camp follower or sentry by the Australian Aboriginal groups

**Character Traits:** never been fully domesticated, does not have the same degree of tooth crowding/jaw shortening as domesticated dogs, only has one breeding cycle each year



## Cockapoo

**Cross:** Cocker Spaniel and Poodle

**Weight Range:** 6-20 lbs

**Height Range:** 10-17 in

**Lifestyle:** Low shedding; Low dander; Loves people

**Daily Exercise:** 30-45 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing every 2-3 days, regular professional grooming

**Colors:** Cocker Spaniel or Poodle colors, depends on the particular cross

**Life Expectancy:** 15 years

**Possible Health Problems:** luxating patellas, progressive retinal atrophy, ear infections

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** Companion

**Character Traits:** outgoing, loving, intelligent, active, energetic, agile,



## Golden Doodle (aka Goldipoo or Groodle)

**Cross:** Golden Retriever and Poodle

**Weight Range:** 55-70 lbs

**Height Range:**

**Lifestyle:** Shedding ranges from almost none to a lot; Good with children, Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other pets; Not a good guard dog; Needs a secure yard or leash

**Colors:** white, blonde, tan, café, chocolate, red, black, silver, parti, phantom, mix

**Life Expectancy:**

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, cataracts, can still inherit genetic defects from parents

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** Hypoallergenic assistance dog

**Character Traits:** excellent bird dogs, loving, loyal, keen sense of smell, like to swim, intelligent, friendly, highly social, loves strangers, loves to play, good retriever



## Jack Russell Terrier

**Country of Origin:** Great Britain

**Weight Range:** 9-15 lbs

**Height Range:** 10-12 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living if gets enough exercise; Requires minimal grooming; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Difficult to obedience train; Good watchdog; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Sheds a lot; Needs strict, early training

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** frequent brushing; if a “broken” coat type, needs regular professional hand-stripping

**Colors:** White/Brown, White/Black, Tri-color

**Coat Varieties:** smooth, short, rough, broken

**Life Expectancy:** 13-14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** lens luxation, glaucoma, progressive retinal atrophy, epilepsy, cryptorchidism, congenital dwarfism in the legs, deafness, wobbliness, patellar luxation, disintegration of the hip joint

**Possible Behavior Problems:** possessiveness of toys or food, barking, chasing cats or any other small pets, destructiveness when bored, aggression toward other dogs

**Use today:** companion, ratting

**First Bred For:** ratting

**Character Traits:** feisty, exuberant, crowd-pleasing, hyperactive, bundle of muscles, can be snappy or aggressive with anything that moves (including people), fun-loving, overwhelmingly affectionate with both family and strangers, full of courage, very obedient, devoted to owners, happy, extremely agile, energetic, good climber, active



## Labradoodle

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Cross:** Labrador Retriever and Poodle

**Weight Range:** 55-77 lbs

**Height Range:** 21-26 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Gets along well with other dogs; Little to no shedding

**Colors:** Variety of colors

**Life Expectancy:** 13-15 years

**Possible Health Problems:** none known

**Use today:** Guide Dog, Companion

**First Bred For:** a guide dog suitable for blind people allergic to dog

hair

**Character Traits:** Regarding temperament this appears to be a very successful combination.



## Morkie (aka Yorktese or Malkie)

**Cross:** Maltese and Yorkshire Terrier

**Weight Range:** 6-9 lbs

**Lifestyle:** Gets along well with children; Gets along well with other dogs; Easy to train; Difficult to housebreak; Good watchdog; Suspicious of strangers; Non-shedding

**Daily Care:** Daily brushing, professional grooming

**Colors:** combinations of Yorkie and Maltese colors

**Possible Health Problems:** can still inherit genetic defects from

parents

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** Companion

**Character Traits:** excellent companion, bold, energetic, highly intelligent



## Puggle

**Cross:** Pug and Beagle

**Weight Range:** 15-30 lbs

**Height Range:** 13-15 in

**Lifestyle:** Low maintenance; Sheds a lot; Good house pet; Gets along well with children; Need a moderate amount of exercise

**Daily Exercise:** 30-45 minutes

**Daily Care:** occasional bath, nail trim, and tooth brushing

**Colors:** fawn, black, multi-colored

**Possible Health Problems:** tends to have fewer respiratory problems than pugs, can still inherit genetic defects from parents

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** Companion

**Character Traits:** playful, lap-dog, cuddly, less likely to have the beagle howl, energetic, cheerful, clownish, affectionate, friendly, laid-back



## Schnorkie

**Cross:** Miniature Schnauzer and Yorkshire Terrier

**Weight Range:** less than 10 lbs

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living; Good watch dog; Sheds very little

**Daily Exercise:** 20-30 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing every 2-3 days; requires regular professional grooming

**Colors:** Schnauzer or Yorkie colors, depends on the particular cross

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** Companion

**Character Traits:** loves attentions, good lap dog, alert, protective

# 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