

Sporting Group



American Water Spaniel

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 25-45 lbs

Height Range: 15-18 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Only suitable for urban living if get enough exercise; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires lots of physical exercise; Good watchdog; Good family dog; High indoor energy level; Need a securely fenced yard; Good with

other pets; Sheds little

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Brown, Chocolate, Liver

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: skin conditions, hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, retinal atrophy, detached retina, cataracts, epilepsy, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, some sensitivity, excessive barking

Use today: duck hunting

First Bred For: duck hunting

Character Traits: efficient watchdog, agreeable family dog, excellent sporting dog, all-around hunter, good swimmers, eager to please



Brittany

Country of Origin: France

Weight Range: 28-33 lbs

Height Range: 18-20.5 in

Lifestyle: Only suitable for urban living with plenty of exercise; Suitable with children; Thrives in cold climates; Requires lots of physical exercise; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Sheds little; Needs early socialization

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing twice a week

Colors: Liver Roan, Orange Roan, Blue Roan, Tri-Colors, Liver/White, Orange/White, Black/White

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: glaucoma, spinal paralysis, cleft palate, hip dysplasia, heart and liver problems, seizures

Possible Behavior Problems: restlessness, destructiveness, excessive barking if left alone, phobias, roaming, stealing food, fearfulness of cities, timidity, fearfulness of strangers

Use today: retrieving, companion

First Bred For: retrieving

Character Traits: stalwart companion, superb, excellent setting and flushing gundog, classic pointer, rough and ready, trustworthy, reliable, obedient, good swimmer, loves to play, wants to please,



Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 70-80 lbs

Height Range: 21-26 in

Lifestyle: Gentle with children; Needs a large living space; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Gets along well with other dogs; Easy to obedience train; Sheds little; Good watchdog; Needs firm, early obedience training

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Brown, Dark Brown, Deadgrass, Dark Deadgrass, Light

Deadgrass, Sedge, Tan

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, eczema, cataracts, elbow dysplasia, OCD (joint disorder)

Possible Behavior Problems: willfulness, stubbornness, dominance, excessive barking

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: retrieving waterfowl

Character Traits: tireless worker, excels at retrieving game, tough, sharp personality, cordial to strangers, loyal companion, known for its prowess in rough icy water, retrieves enthusiastically, loves the water despite weather or temperature,



Cocker Spaniel

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 24-28 lbs

Height Range: 14-15 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of grooming; Gets along well with other dogs and pets; Not good watchdogs

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: daily brushing, bathing and trimming every few months

Colors: Tri-Colors, Black, Brown, Buff, Red, Silver, Blue Roan, Cream, Golden, Red Roan, Sable, and Combinations of the

above

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, glaucoma, eye abnormalities, skin conditions, hemophilia, ear infections, heart disease, epilepsy, hip dysplasia, autoimmune diseases

Possible Behavior Problems: poorly bred dogs can be yappy and snappish (may even be vicious); fearful; dominant; all may be stubborn

Use today: companion

First Bred For: small game retrieving

Character Traits: affectionate, gentle companionship, beauty, charm, generous, affable, friendly, happy, playful, curious, full of energy, sociable, love to play and "fetch"



English Cocker Spaniel

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 28-32 lbs

Height Range: 15-16 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Moderate barker; Needs early socialization and training

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: good weekly brushing, occasional clipping and trimming

Colors: Black, Blue Roan, Tri-Colors, Golden, Lemon Roan, Liver, Liver Roan, Orange Roan, Red, Red Roan, Sable, and Combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, eye abnormalities, ear infections, tendency to be overweight, hip dysplasia, cataracts, deafness, kidney disease, skin conditions

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, food stealing, occasional excessive submissiveness, urination when afraid or excited

Use today: companion

First Bred For: small game retrieving

Character Traits: adept working dog, performs well in field trials, play games enthusiastically, obedient, sweet-tempered, affectionate, friendly towards strangers, very social



English Pointer

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 44-66 lbs

Height Range: 24-27 in

Lifestyle: Not suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Does not require much grooming; Not easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Sheds a lot; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Protective of children; Can live outdoors; Not a good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: daily brushing to help with shedding

Colors: Black/White, Lemon, Lemon/White, Liver, Liver/White, Orange, Orange/White, White

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, dwarfism, thyroid problems, skin conditions, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, turned in eyelids, epilepsy

Possible Behavior Problems: independence, roaming, attention-demanding, compulsive "working", stubbornness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: ratting and rabbit hunting

Character Traits: short tempered, lively, robust, fine companion, highly energetic, loves to work, untiring hunter, good sense of smell, excellent bird dog, playful, loving,



English Setter

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 55-66 lbs

Height Range: 24-27 in

Lifestyle: Marvelous with children; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Very playful with other dogs; Require a great deal of physical exercise; Suitable for urban living; Average shedder

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing every few days

Colors: Blue Belton, Blue Belton/Tan, Liver Belton, Orange Belton, Lemon Belton, White

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, blindness, cancer, deafness, hypothyroidism, skin conditions

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, roaming, possible stubbornness and destructiveness

Use today: companion, retrieving

First Bred For: bird retrieving/bird setting dog

Character Traits: graceful, quiet, elegant, considerate, good responsive worker in the field, strong, capable of prolonged physical activity, good-looking, sweet, excellent field reputation, enjoys runs, very strong sense of smell, indefatigable, active, vigorous, excellent reflexes, happiest with lots of family interaction, well-behaved, mild indoors, loves to please, does not like strict obedience training, affectionate, exuberant



English Springer Spaniel

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 49-53 lbs

Height Range: 19-20 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; Thrives in cold climates; Easily obedience trained; Requires a lot of physical/mental exercise; Shed moderately; Good family dogs

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once or twice a week, moderate professional trimming

Colors: Tri-Colors, Black/White, Liver/White, Orange/White, Red/White, Lemon/White (The acceptable colors in the breed are black or

liver with white, blue or liver roan, and tricolor. Lemon, red, and orange are considered unacceptable and "are not to place" according to the English Springer Spaniel standard in order to distinguish the colors of the English Springer Spaniel.)

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, skin conditions, eye abnormalities, ear infections, retinal dysplasia, hanging lower eyelids, glaucoma, epilepsy, von Willebrand's disorder, a heart anomaly, tendency to become overweight

Possible Behavior Problems: some fearfulness or aggression in badly bred pups, destructiveness, excessive barking, jumping on people, phobias, food stealing

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: game flushing/retrieving

Character Traits: unlimited stamina, thrives on physical activity, leggy, powerful, excellent companion, strong, friendly, good hunters, cheerful, courageous, loving, good-natured, extremely devoted to owners, affectionate, loyal, standoffish with strangers



Flat-Coated Retriever

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 60-80 lbs

Height Range: 22-24 in

Lifestyle: Extremely good with children; Needs a large living space; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Some shedding; Good with other dogs/pets; Requires a lot of human interaction; Moderately good watchdog

Colors: Black, Liver, Yellow

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once or twice a week

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, melanoma of the gums, adenocarcinoma, fibrosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, osteosarcoma, cataracts, in-turned eyelids, patellar luxation, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: stealing food and garbage, overfriendliness consisting of jumping up on people, timidity in some poorly bred dogs, excessive barking

Use today: companion, gundog, field trials

First Bred For: game retrieving

Character Traits: handsome, humorous, a superb flusher, excellent land and water retriever, gregarious, versatile, obedient, affectionate, intelligent, devoted to family; loves to swim; easily bored



German Shorthaired Pointer

Country of Origin: Germany

Weight Range: 60-70 lbs

Height Range: 24-26 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Needs a large living space; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Shed little; Needs a secure fence; Not for inexperienced owners

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing about twice a week

Colors: Liver, Liver/White, Liver Roan, Black/White, Brown, Brown/White, White

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, cataracts, SAS, hip and elbow arthritis, epilepsy, in-turned eyelids, von Willebrand's disorder

Possible Behavior Problems: timidity, restlessness indoors, barking and destructiveness when left alone, house soiling, food stealing, roaming, possible behavior problems if raised in a kennel or pet shop, may knock over small children

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: general hunting

Character Traits: marvelous family dog, hardy worker, excellent companions, versatile hunters, all-purpose gun dog, amenable companion, exuberant, cheerful, obedient, enthusiastic, active, stubborn, thrive on hunting and running



German Wirehaired Pointer

Country of Origin: Germany

Weight Range: 60-70 lbs

Height Range: 24-26 in

Lifestyle: Great with children; Needs a large living space; May be difficult to obedience train; May be difficult with other dogs/pets; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Shed little; Weather resilient; low indoor energy level; Need early, firm training

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily care: brushing twice a week

Colors: Liver, Liver/White, Black/White

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip and elbow dysplasia, hip and elbow arthritis, seizures, bloat, cataracts

Possible Behavior Problems: distractibility, possible clownishness, jumping up on people, dominance, guarding, roaming, food stealing, indoor restlessness

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: general hunting

Character Traits: marvelous family dog, hardy worker, excellent companions, versatile hunters, all-purpose gun dog, amenable companion, wary of strangers, friendly with familiar people, keen sense of smell, loves to run, wonderful retriever, determined, sense of humor



Golden Retriever

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 60-80 lbs

Height Range: 20-24 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Needs a large living space; Easy to obedience train; Thrives in cold climates; Gets along well with other dogs/pets; Sheds moderately or profusely; Weather resilient; Needs a high, strong fence;

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing at least twice a week

Colors: Dark Golden, Golden, Light Golden

Life Expectancy: 13-15 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, von Willebrand's disorder, serious heart problems, cataracts, skin conditions, eye abnormalities, epilepsy, OCD (joint disorder), in-turned eyelids, cancer, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: few, with socialization—excessive exuberance, jealousy of humans' relationship with each other, possible timidity, irritable snappiness in poorly bred dogs,

Use today: companion, gundog, field trials, assistance dog

First Bred For: game retrieving (waterfowl)

Character Traits: relaxed, responsive, calm, alert, sensible, serene, the ideal family companion, affection-demanding, multipurpose, easy to train, attractive, has a gentle mouth, will rarely snap or bite, especially patient with children, gifted hunting dog, smart, wonderful sense of smell, very good swimmer, hardy, loyal, loves everyone, virtually nothing negative about them



Gordon Setter

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 56-65 lbs

Height Range: 24-29 in

Lifestyle: Needs a large living space; Good with children; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Sheds a lot; Needs firm training; Calm indoors; Needs a secure fence

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing every day to avoid snarls and mats

Colors: Black/Tan, Red, Tan

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, hypothyroidism, ear problems, bloat

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, roaming, picky eating, occasional aggression, protectiveness of family, stubbornness

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: bird setting

Character Traits: devoted, loyal, strong, heavy, slow, friendly and relaxed disposition, obedient, excellent companion, excellent sense of smell, very good retriever, good swimmer, outstandingly intelligent and conscientious,



Irish Setter

Country of Origin: Ireland

Origin of Name: known in Gaelic as “modder rhu” or “red dog”

Weight Range: 60-70 lbs

Height Range: 25-27 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Gets along well with other dogs; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Needs early, gentle, consistent training; Needs secure fencing; Requires a large living space

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing twice a week, occasional bath

Colors: Chestnut, Mahogany, Red

Life Expectancy: 13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, bloat, congenital heart disease, skin conditions, epilepsy

Possible Behavior Problems: flightiness and over-exuberance (primarily seen in puppy-mill individuals), house soiling, roaming, playful, destruction, jumping on people, barking, pulling on leash, may knock over small children

Use today: companion

First Bred For: game retrieving and setting

Character Traits: racy, active, thrives on physical activity, fast, actively seeks out other dogs to play with, exuberant extrovert, late maturation, joy of life, excitable, energetic, loves to please, love to play, always ready for a game, great “kissers”, love attention, can be independent, wary of strangers



Irish Water Spaniel

Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 45-65 lbs

Height Range: 20-23 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Ideal for country living; Sheds little; Protective of children; Good watchdog; Gets along well with other dogs/pets

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing regularly, occasional professional trims

Colors: Liver

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, hypothyroidism, epilepsy, autoimmune disease

Possible Behavior Problems: timidity, fear, fear-biting or snapping, barking at little noises, drooling, shyness

Use today: companion, water fowl retrieving

First Bred For: wild duck hunting

Character Traits: immense stamina, excellent swimming ability, virtually water proof coat, muscular power, ideal retriever, gentle, faithful, attentive companion, excellent gundog, obedient, bright, loves water, wonderful fetching instinct, very affectionate with family, wary of strangers, loves to play games, curious, does not like to be left out of anything



Labrador Retriever

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 55-75 lbs

Height Range: 21.5-22.5 in

Lifestyle: Wonderful with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Gets along well with other dogs/pets; Easy to obedience train; Sheds a lot; Requires a lot of exercise; Needs a high, sturdy fence; Not a good watchdog; Needs obedience training

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing once a week, clean ears after

swimming

Colors: Black, Chocolate, Yellow

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip and elbow dysplasia, bloat, cataracts, eye abnormalities, progressive retinal atrophy, hip and elbow arthritis, diabetes, epilepsy, OCD (joint disorder), swollen painful joints (HOD), patellar luxation, bloat, strokes, heart problems, cardiomyopathy, spinal arthritis, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: chewing and destructiveness when puppies, incessant barking, roaming, house soiling, poor temperaments in puppy-mill individuals

Use today: companion, gundog, field trials, assistance dog, rescue dog

First Bred For: gundog, hunting retrievers

Character Traits: waterproof, water loving, affable, gregarious, family oriented, loyal, dependable, unexcelled in the field, excellent companions, steady, adaptable, lively, affectionate, lovable, gets along with everyone, active, willful



Vizsla

Country of Origin: Hungary

Weight Range: 48.5-66 lbs

Height Range: 22.5-25 in

Varieties: Short-haired and Wire-haired

Lifestyle: Suitable companions for children; Needs a large living space; Requires a lot of exercise; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Is poorly adapted

for intense cold; Does not require much grooming; Easy to obedience train; Needs firm early obedience training; Sheds a little

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: weekly brushing

Colors: Golden Rust, Golden, Red, Red Golden, Rust, Rust Golden, Sandy Yellow

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, epilepsy, in-turned eyelids, degenerating hair follicles and oil glands

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming, destructiveness, hyperactivity, anxious chewing of furniture when left alone, timidity and skittishness

Use today: companion, gundog

First Bred For: hunting and falconry

Character Traits: multi-purpose, elegant, refined, gentle, energetic, obedient, reliable, healthy, good nose, follows trails diligently, retrieves with enthusiasm, excellent hunter, active, loves the outdoors, athletic



Weimaraner

Country of Origin: Germany

Weight Range: 70.5-86 lbs

Height Range: 22-27 in

Varieties: Shorthaired and Longhaired

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Requires minimal grooming; Easy to obedience train; Not happy in a kennel; Good watchdog; Sheds little when brushed regularly; Needs strict training; Not good with cats; Not for inexperienced owners

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: daily brushing to prevent shedding

Colors: Blue, Gray, Silver Gray

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip and elbow dysplasia, bleeding disorder, bloat, allergies, cysts, tumors, painful swollen joints and bones (HOD), progressive retinal atrophy, in-turned eyelids, extra row of eyelashes causing tearing, torsion, throat and spinal disease, heart defects

Possible Behavior Problems: timidity, excessive barking, indoor restlessness, destructiveness when left alone, possible house soiling, stubbornness, may knock over small children

Use today: gundog, companion, hunting, field trials

First Bred For: large game tracking

Character Traits: accustomed to being a member of the family, rippling muscles, alert, obedient, fearless, reliable worker, strong, grace, speed, stamina, endurance, "star quality", regal presence, handsome carriage, enjoys a challenge, active, assertive, lively, affectionate, attention-demanding



Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Country of Origin: France

Weight Range: 50-60 lbs

Height Range: 22-24 in

Lifestyle: Not suitable for urban living; Good with children; content to live/sleep outdoors; Thrives in cold climates; Easily obedience trained; Gets along well with other dogs; Weather resilient; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Sheds a little

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: weekly brushing, hand stripping for showing

Colors: Brown/Gray, Chestnut/Gray, Brown, Chestnut, White, White/Orange, White/Brown

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: few and may include -- hip dysplasia, hanging lower eyelids, in-turned eyelids

Possible Behavior Problems: possible house soiling, excessive barking, picky eating, stubbornness, independence, cat chasing, over-activity

Use today: hunting, retrieving, companion

First Bred For: hunting and retrieving

Character Traits: excellent swimmer and retriever, all-terrain, all-weather, all-game pointer-retriever, versatile, responsive, obedient, not snappy or irritable, excellent sense of smell, passion for hunting, intelligent, good-natured, affectionate

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, Osteosarcoma, 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, Osteosarcoma, Panosteitis