

# What's the right dog for me?

## If you're considering getting a dog, ask yourself ...

- How big a dog will this puppy become?
- How active a dog will this puppy become?
- Should I get a puppy or an adult dog?
- Why was this breed of dog developed; what was it originally bred to do?
- Does this breed have special needs, such as professional grooming?
- What temperament and intelligence is typical of this breed?
- What genetic and health problems may affect this breed?
- How much does it typically cost to buy, feed, and raise a dog of this breed?
- Are there important differences between males and females of this breed?
- Have I spent time with puppies, adults, and older dogs of this breed?
- Can the breeder provide me with the appropriate paper work to register the dog with the American Kennel Club?

The decision to bring a dog into your life is one you will live with for years. Careful consideration before you make your decision will help ensure the happiness of both you and your dog!

For more information about choosing the right dog for you, contact a dog club in your area and visit the AKC web site at

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)



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