

Most popular dog breeds – List with pictures!

Hi. Last time I wrote about a detailed guide about the [best dog food by dog types](#). This week, I'll talk about the top 10 most popular dog breeds.

Every year the American Kennel Club (AKC) announces their list of most popular dog breeds. This year the AKC announced that for the 24th consecutive year the Labrador retriever is the most popular dog breed. According to the AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo, "The Lab truly is America's dog". Here are the top 10 most popular dog breeds:

1. Labrador Retriever

Labs, as they are commonly called, have a reputation of being extremely sweet. Labs are outgoing, friendly, and eager to please. They are very intelligent and are seen as easy to train. However, if Labs do not have 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day they can become hyperactive to the point where they may become destructive.

- Check out our recommended dog training for [labrador retrievers](#).

One of Labrador retriever's favorite past times is to eat, so they can become overweight easily. This dog breed can be 55 to 80 pounds and live for 10 to 12 years.



2. German Shepherd

German Shepherds are seen as one of the greatest working breeds for dogs. They are considered extremely intelligent and prefer a specific purpose in their daily lives. German Shepherd Dogs are considered wonderful watchdogs; however they should not be chained or tied outside alone, as this could lead to aggression. This dog breed should be exposed to many different places, experiences, and people to become social and well behaved. They are typically 75 to 95 pounds and live anywhere between 10 to 14 years.



3. Golden Retrievers

This dog breed is considered one of the ultimate family pets because of their friendly and easygoing attitude. Golden Retrievers are excellent therapy and assistance dogs. They are in need of physical and mental exercise with the ideal time being 40 to 60 minutes of hard exercise or [obedience training](#) a day. Golden retrievers can be 55 to 75 pounds and have a long coat that sheds constantly, but becomes worst at the changing of the seasons. This dog breed is great with children, however can get overly excited and knock children over.



4. Beagles

Beagles were bred for their ability to track scents, and specifically those of small game like rabbits and squirrels. They are fun loving and generally happy, but may be considered stubborn so patience and unique training activities are required. Beagles are intelligent and when they become bored they will find ways to entertain themselves such as digging or barking and howling. In fact, one of the main reasons why Beagles get turned in to animal shelters is that owners do not know how to handle all of the noise. This dog breed is 18 to 30 pounds and can live for 10 to 15 years.



5. Bulldogs

Bulldogs are great companions that run on a slower speed. A dog breed that requires short walks with naps at the end means that this breed are definitely housedogs. They are sensitive to cold but cannot tolerate heat or humidity, so it is important for owners to keep an eye on their dog when taking a walk. This dog breed can be stubborn and have a big lazy style. Bulldogs are prone to respiratory problems because of their noses; they can have pinched nostrils that can require surgery as well as wheezing, snoring, and experience sleep apnea. Bulldogs can weigh 40 to 50 pounds.



6. Yorkshire Terrier

When looking for a dog breed that is suitable for apartment living then a Yorkshire Terrier will fit perfectly. Though Yorkie's are small and loving they are also feisty. This dog breed can weigh from 4 to 6 pounds and are known to be difficult to house train.

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Yorkshire terriers do not tend to shed but they may have problems with their teeth. This dog breed tends to keep their puppy teeth while the adult teeth grow in; owners need to pay special attention to the breed's teeth throughout their lives.



7. Boxers

This dog breed is in need of people around them. Boxers are rambunctious with high energy, and require a lot of exercise. If Boxers are left alone too long with too much energy stored up they tend to become ill tempered and extremely destructive. Fun training for this breed is essential because if they feel too pushed around they will not become receptive to the training. Boxers can be 60 to 70 pounds; they shed in the spring, and have a short nose that can lead to snoring or breathing difficulties especially during hot days.



8. Poodles

Poodles are best known for being a companion dog breed, however they are tremendously intelligent and have a playful side. [Good obedience training](#) for poodles is essential for a well-rounded and a happy Poodle. This dog breed is 45 to 70 pounds with a coat that requires some high maintenance. Some owners take their poodles for professional grooming every three to six weeks. If you would like to have poodle as a show dog keep in mind that poodles have weepy eyes that can stain its fur, so they need to have their eyes wiped every day.



9. Rottweilers

Rottweilers is another working dog breed. Throughout their history Rottweilers have been cowboys, military soldiers, and police dogs. In society Rottweilers have a poor reputation of being aggressive and dangerous. If a puppy is trained and subject to extensive socialization Rottweilers can be an excellent breed to have in your home. This breed can be 85 to 130 pounds; they shed year-round, and when training will test you to see if you are firm with them.



10. Dachshunds

This breed is a scent hound made for hunting small game that dig tunnels such as rabbits, foxes, and badgers. Dachshunds are intelligent and have a mischievous attitude. Training Dachshunds may be difficult because they are typically stubborn. The dig instinct it is typical for this dog breed and also the prey instinct. Dachshunds will dig up flowerbeds or bed sheets and every toy that they receive may be effectively destroyed. By nature, this breed of dog can cling to one-person and be very suspicious of strangers; they can be 16 to 32 pounds and have a fragile spine.

