# Dog Breeds

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* General Comments

## Humans bred dogs for specific traits.

## Breed - a “*relatively homogeneous group of animals within a species, developed and maintained by man.*”

## Today there are 300+ breeds.

## Most common in NYC.

## In addition to recognized breeds, there are mutts, mongrels, or mixed breed dogs.

### Disadvantage - looks & behavior are unpredictable.

### Advantage - hyhbrid vigor.

## Designer Breeds

* High tech mutts.
* Became popular in last decade or so.
* Breeding a better pet or ??
* 10 most popular

1. Cockapoo
2. Maltipoo
3. Labradoodle
4. Goldendoodle
5. Mal-shi (Maltese/Shih Tzu)
6. Puggle (Pug/Beagle)
7. Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle)
8. Yorkipoo (Yorkshire Terrier/Poodle)
9. Pomchi (Pomeranian/Chihuahua)
10. Cheeks (Chihuahua/Pekingese)

## Breeds differ in trainability/IQ

## Coren (1994) had >200 AKC obedience judges rank 110 breeds on their intelligence.

## Top Ranked Breeds:

### 1. Border Collies

### 2. Poodle

### 3. German Shepherd

### 4. Golden Retriever

### 5. Doberman Pincher

### 6. Shetland Sheepdog

### 7. Labrador Retriever

### 8. Papillon

### 9. Rottwieler

### 10. Australian Cattle Dog

### 11. Pembrook Welsh Corgi

### 12. Miniature Schnauzer

## Bottom Ranked Breeds:

### 106. Borzoi

### 107. Chow Chow

### 108. Bull dog

### 109. Basenji

### 110. Afghan Hound

* Working vs. Show

## Dogs can be bred specifically for type of work (which led to the formation of many breeds) and/or they can be bred for physical appearance & characteristics (conformation).

## In many breeds, this has led to two distinct types or lines.

## These types have behavioral implications. Working dogs tend to be more active & intelligent. They require more exercise & maintenance.

* Registries

## AKC (American Kennel Club) was founded in 1884 to oversee breeding/showing of dogs in America.

## UKC (United Kennel Club) is another all-breed dog registry in the U.S. It was founded in 1898.

## AKC/UKC loosely divides the breeds into 8 groups based on the uses for which the breeds were originally developed.

Breed Groups

## Sporting

## Are sometimes called “*gun dogs*” since they locate & retrieve game.

## Most are naturally active, alert, intelligent & affectionate.

## Potential owners need to realize that most require regular, invigorating exercise.

## Remarkable for their instincts in water & woods, many of these breeds actively continue to participate in hunting & other field activities.

## Members of the group include Pointers, Retrievers, Setters & Spaniels.

# Pointers

## Large dogs that need lots of exercise.

## Freeze their bodies in a pointing position when they smell a hiding bird.

## Examples

### [Pointer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/pointer.cfm)

### [German Shorthaired Pointer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/germshor.cfm)

### [German Wirehaired Pointer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/gerwire.cfm)

### [Spinone Italiano](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/spinoni.cfm) (or Italian Pointer)

### [Vizsla](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/vizsla.cfm) (Hungarian Pointer)

### [Weimaraner](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/weim.cfm)

### [Wirehaired Pointing Griffon](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/wirehagr.cfm)

# Retrievers

## Large dogs that are usually gentle with kids.

## Examples

### [Chesapeake Bay Retriever](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/chessie.cfm)

### [Curly-Coated Retriever](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/curlycoa.cfm)

### [Flat-Coated Retriever](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/flatcoat.cfm)

### [Golden Retriever](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/golden.cfm)

### [Labrador Retriever](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/labdoret.cfm)

# Setters

## Large dogs that are loyal, affectionate & generally good with kids.

## Freeze to a point when they smell a hiding bird.

## Examples

### [English Setter](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/engsett.cfm)

### [Gordon Setter](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/gordst.cfm)

### [Irish Setter](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/irishset.cfm)

# Spaniels

## Medium sized dogs developed to scent & flush out birds from their hiding places & retrieve birds that have been shot.

## Their gentle & submissive temperament begs for a gentle hand when training.

## Individual Breeds include:

### [Brittany](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/brittany.cfm)

### [American Water Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/amewatsp.cfm)

### [Clumber Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/clumbers.cfm)

### [Cocker Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/cockersp.cfm)

### [English Cocker Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/engcocke.cfm)

### English Springer Spaniel

### [Field Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/fieldspa.cfm)

### [Irish Water Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/irishwas.cfm)

### [Sussex Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/sussessp.cfm)

### [Welsh Springer Spaniel](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/welshspr.cfm)

## Hound

## Scent hounds were bred to trail small mammals.

## Sight hounds were bred to hunt larger animals, locating them by sight & catching them with speed.

## Generalizations for this group are difficult, since they encompass quite a diverse lot.

## Some hounds share the distinct ability to produce a unique sound known as *baying*.

## Most scent hounds are stubborn, while sight hounds can be sensitive. In either case, patience & persistence are important in training these dogs.

# Scent Hound Breeds

### [Basset Hound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/basset.cfm)

### [Beagle](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/beagle.cfm)

### [Black & Tan Coonhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/blkntan.cfm)

### [Bloodhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/bloodhnd.cfm)

### [Dachshund](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/dach.cfm)

### [Foxhound (American)](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/foxam.cfm)

### [Foxhound (English)](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/engfox.cfm)

### [Harrier](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/harrier.cfm)

### [Otterhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/otterhd.cfm)

### [Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/pbgv.cfm)

# Sight Hound Breeds

### [Afghan Hound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/afghanhd.cfm)

### [Basenji](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/basenji.cfm)

### [Borzoi](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/borzoi.cfm)

### [Greyhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/greyhd.cfm)

### [Ibizan Hound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/ibizan.cfm)

### [Irish Wolfhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/irshwfhd.cfm)

### [Norwegian Elkhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/norwgnek.cfm)

### [Pharaoh Hound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/pharaoh.cfm)

### [Rhodesian Ridgeback](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/rhodrdge.cfm)

### [Saluki](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/saluki.cfm)

### [Scottish Deerhound](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/scotdrhd.cfm)

### [Whippet](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/whippet.cfm)

## Working

## Dogs of the Working Group were bred to perform such jobs as:

### Guarding property

### Pulling sleds

### Performing water rescues

## Are intelligent & quick to learn.

## Their large size & strength make many in this group unsuitable as pets for average families.

## Their size alone (& protective instincts in some cases), demands that they receive proper training.

## Working Group Breeds

### [Akita](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/akita.cfm)

### [Alaskan Malamute](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/alasmal.cfm)

### [Anatolian Shepherd](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/anatolia.cfm)

### [Bernese Mountain Dog](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/bermtn.cfm)

### [Boxer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/boxer.cfm)

### [Bullmastiff](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/bullmast.cfm)

### [Doberman Pinscher](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/dobpinr.cfm)

### [German Pinscher](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/germanpin.cfm)

### [Giant Schnauzer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/giantsch.cfm)

### [Great Dane](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/grdane.cfm)

### [Great Pyrenees](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/grpyr.cfm)

### [Greater Swiss Mountain Dog](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/gsmd.cfm)

### [Komondor](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/komdor.cfm)

### [Kuvasz](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/kuvsz.cfm)

### [Mastiff](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/mastif.cfm)

### [Newfoundland](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/newfdld.cfm)

### [Portuguese Water Dog](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/ph20d.cfm)

### [Rottweiler](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/rotty.cfm)

### [Saint Bernard](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/stbern.cfm)

### [Samoyed](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/samoyed.cfm)

### [Siberian Husky](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/sibhusk.cfm)

### [Standard Schnauzer](http://www.americankennelclub.com/breeds/recbreeds/stdschn.cfm)

## Terrier

## Have a distinctive personality - feisty & vigorous (not at all frail).

## Terriers typically have little tolerance for other animals, including other dogs.

## Their ancestors were bred to hunt/kill vermin. In general, they make engaging pets, but require owners with the determination to match their dogs' lively characters.

## They are many varieties, with some in other breed groups.

## Terrier Group Breeds

### Airedale Terrier

### Am. Staffordshire Terrier

### Australian Terrier

### Bedlington Terrier

### Border Terrier

### Bull Terrier

### Cairn Terrier

### Dandie Dinmont Terrier

### Fox Terrier (Smooth)

### Fox Terrier (Wire)

### Irish Terrier

### Kerry Blue Terrier

### Lakeland Terrier

### Manchester Terrier

### Miniature Bull Terrier

### Miniature Schnauzer

### Norfolk Terrier

### Norwich Terrier

### Parson Russell Terrier

### Scottish Terrier

### Sealyham Terrier

### Skye Terrier

### Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

### Staffordshire Bull Terrier

### Welsh Terrier

### West Highland White Terrier

## Toy

## Their small size & expressiveness illustrate the main function of this group: to embody sheer delight.

## Popular with city dwellers & folks without much space.

## BTW, small breeds may be found in every breed group.

## Although training is always worthwhile, it is relatively easy to control these dogs due to their size. If they do bite, it is much more likely to go unreported.

# Toy Group Breeds

### Affenpinscher

### Brussels Griffon

### Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

### Chihuahua

### Chinese Crested

### English Toy Spaniel

### Havanese

### Italian Greyhound

### Japanese Chin

### Maltese

### Manchester Terrier

### Miniature Pinscher

### Papillon

### Pekingese

### Pomeranian

### Poodle

### Pug

### Shih Tzu

### Silky Terrier

### Toy Fox Terrier

### Yorkshire Terrier

## Non-Sporting

# Breeds in this group are a varied collection in terms of size, coat, personality & appearance.

# Examples

### American Eskimo Dog

### Bichon Frise

### Boston Terrier

### Bulldog

### Chinese Shar-pei

### Chow Chow

### Dalmatian

### Finnish Spitz

### French Bulldog

### Keeshond

### Lhasa Apso

### Löwchen

### Poodle

### Schipperke

### Shiba Inu

### Tibetan Spaniel

### Tibetan Terrier

## Herding

# Is the newest AKC classification (created in 1983). Its members were formerly in the Working Group.

# All breeds share the ability to control the movement of other animals.

# Were bred to work side by side with humans on a daily basis, thus they are very social, sensitive, & trainable.

# Herding Group Breeds

### Australian Cattle Dog

### Australian Shepherd

### Bearded Collie

### Belgian Malinois

### Belgian Sheepdog

### Belgian Tervuren

### Border Collie

### Bouvier des Flandres

### Briard

### Canaan Dog

### Collie

### German Shepherd Dog

### Old English Sheepdog

### Polish Lowland Sheepdog

### Puli

### Shetland Sheepdog

### Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)

### Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

## Misc. Class

## Breeds officially recognized by AKC appear in the *Stud Book*.

## AKC provides for path of development for a new breed, which may result in that breed's full recognition. Dogs in the Miscellaneous Class are working toward full AKC recognition.

## While authorities recognize the existence of 300+ distinct breeds, AKC recognizes 150.

## Breeds that are not AKC recognized are called[*rare breeds*](http://www.rarebreed.com/breedlist-frame.html). Examples include the Dutch Shepherd & the Belgian Laekenois.

# Miscellaneous Class Breeds

### Beauceron

### Black Russian Terrier

### Glen of Imaal Terrier

### Neapolitan Mastiff

### Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

### Plott Hound

### Redbone Coonhound