

Printable Selection Quiz for Choosing a Dog

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1. Why do you want a dog? (circle all that apply):

- For my children
- Companionship
- Security
- Jogging buddy
- To show in the Dog Show circuit
- To socialize with other dog lovers
- Something else not listed

2. What is your lifestyle like? (circle all that apply):

- I work full-time
- I am home a good deal of the time
- I am a neat freak
- I am OK with some clutter
- I don't care what my house looks like!
- I am very active, and would like an active dog
- I would like a companion, but would rather have a calm, quiet dog
- I would enjoy a dog that likes outdoor activity, but is quiet indoors

3. How do you like dogs to relate to you and others? (Circle the best answer):

- Must be good with children
- I want a dog that loves everyone!
- I want one that loves the entire family, and is friendly with our acquaintances
- I want one that loves the entire family, and is tolerant of others
- I want one that loves our family, but doesn't warm up quickly to others
- I want more of a "one-person" dog, who will gravitate towards me, but will still enjoy my family and accept others

4. What is your living environment like? (circle one):

- I have a mid-sized to large house and a fenced yard
- I have a mid-sized to large house, and access to daily outdoor space
- I have a small house or apartment with access to daily outdoor exercise space
- I have a small house or apartment, and do not have easy access to outdoor exercise space

5. Can your finances support caring for dogs? (circle one):

- Finances are not a problem
- I will need to budget, but have carefully considered all of the costs
- My finances fluctuate, so it will be hard to budget. What do I need besides food anyway?
- Finances are tight. I am not sure what the total costs might be.

6. How committed can you be to your dog? (circle one):

- I am interested and able to spend time every day, training, grooming and exercising him/her
- My time is limited, but I am dedicated to spending some time each day training, exercising and/or grooming him/her
- I am not sure how much time I can dedicate to training, exercising and grooming, but have some time each week. I can take them out for daily walks, though
- How much time do dogs need? Isn't taking them out to go to the bathroom enough?

Other considerations:

- Does your family like to travel? Would you enjoy taking dogs with you or need to spend money on boarding them while you are away?
- Have you checked with your landlord or association about their rules regarding dogs?
- Is anyone in your family allergic?
- What is the age of the youngest child that will be around your dog on a regular basis?
- Have you thought about how future lifestyle changes might affect your ability to care for your new furry family member? (babies, job schedule changes, impending move, etc.)

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