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How To Choose The Right Dog

Are you considering adding a four-footed family member to your household? Getting a dog is exciting for everyone in the house, but there are many decisions to be made – not in the least, what kind of dog is going to fit your homelife best.

Making sure your new puppy fits your family environment is essential, as there are so many families that end up regretting their decision and traumatizing the poor animal by returning it to the pound. The decision of size as well as how much surplus energy you could give to a puppy are important aspects to consider. Read on for more advice on how to choose the right dog for your family.

Remember, You Aren't Looking For A New Dog – You Are Looking For A New Family Member

There are so many animals that are adopted, get accustomed to their new home and family, and then brought back the kennel a short time later. Maybe you got the dog as a birthday or Christmas gift without being 100% certain that the potential owner would be willing and able to properly care for dog.

Sometimes, getting a teddy bear instead is the right choice. Rather than conceptualizing the animal as an object, such as a gift or a new toy, remember that the dog will become an interactive family member to whoever it goes to.

If you decide to adopt a puppy, then it's important that you have the time and energy to train it. If the dog is a little older, allow a transition period for you and the dog to get to know each other and ask about its history with children, strangers and other dogs.

Choose the right size

Unlike cats, dogs require more energy surplus from their owners. They need to be taken on regular walks and demand a lot more attention, especially as puppies. Big dogs make the cutest puppies but it's important to choose a dog whose full-grown size fits your housing size and lifestyle.

If you have plenty of space, time and energy then a larger dog is an option. The bigger the dog is the more energy it will have. Larger dogs are great for families with children who like to play as well as those with active lifestyles.

If you choose a larger dog with a lot of hair, then it is also important to remember that the animal can easily become overheated in warmer climates. It can be a relief for long haired dogs to be taken out into the mountains for hiking in the winter. If you don't live near mountains, invest in a [dog cooling mat](#) for the summer months.

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