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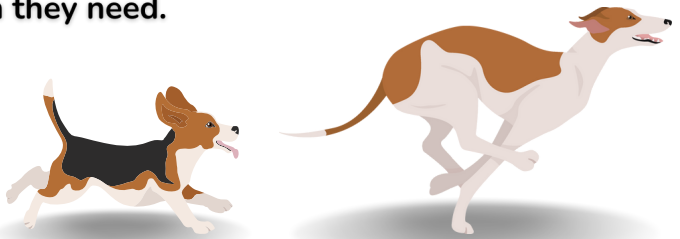
WHY IS CONSIDERING DOGS' NEEDS IMPORTANT?

Matching a dog's needs to your lifestyle is crucial to ensure that both you and the dog can lead a happy and fulfilling life together. Circumstances can quickly change in terms of living arrangements, work commitments and family structures, it is unavoidable, however, doing your research and choosing a dog whose needs and personality match up with your activity level, free time and physical ability is a good place to start.

Dogs have different personalities, energy levels, and grooming needs, and it's essential to choose a dog that can thrive in your home environment. Some dogs require more grooming, equipment or veterinary care than others do so it's important to choose one that you have the time and resources to care for.

By taking the time to research and match with your dog, you will reduce the likelihood of behavioural issues and the need for rehoming further down the line. Dogs that are not suited to their home environment or do not receive adequate exercise and attention may become anxious, or destructive, which can put a strain on your relationship with them.

Considering how a dog's needs align with your lifestyle is essential to ensure that both you and the dog can live happy and fulfilling lives together. It's important to do your research, consider your lifestyle and resources, and choose a breed that suits your home environment and can receive the care and attention they need.



YOUR LIFESTYLE



So, you have decided that you have the time, patience and funds available to add a dog to your family. Whether you are planning to adopt a rescue dog or buy a puppy, there are a number of factors about your lifestyle you should carefully consider when deciding what kind of dog would complement your life best.

Do you have children in the home? Children and dogs can be the best of friends but can also be quite difficult to manage alongside each other. The age of the children in the family, or who regularly visit the home, might affect the size of the dog you might choose, for example to avoid small children accidentally being knocked over by larger breeds. Children's age may also affect the age of the dog you would consider; the puppy mouthing stage can be overwhelming for an adult to cope with, never mind a small child.

Have you considered the costs? All dogs can be costly, aside from the standards costs of food and routine veterinary care, unexpected vet emergencies can come out of nowhere. However, some dogs may come with more expense than others. Larger dogs tend to cost more in general as they require more food, the dosage of any medications will be higher and products such as beds and harnesses are generally more expensive. Taking on an older dog may mean they already have existing age related health concerns, which may require ongoing management. Some breeds of dog have genetically increased risk of developing certain conditions, which could require surgery or long term medications. It is a great idea to talk to a vet about common health concerns with breeds you are interested in and get estimates of pet insurance costs.

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DOGS' NEEDS



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While all dogs need exercise, play and mental enrichment, some dogs need more of each than others, due to their age, health and individual temperament. If you are not able to meet these needs for the dog, their spare energy may be used to get up to no good! If you are considering a very active dog, perhaps see if you can combine exercising your dog with a hobby such as Canicross or agility, alongside regular walks and enrichment.

If you are out for extended periods, it's essential to consider how a dog would cope with being alone. Some dogs are content to be left for a few hours, while others may find this too much and develop destructive behaviours. In these cases, a dog walker could be a helpful addition to their routine. However, some dogs suffer from home alone anxiety, which can result in behaviour such as barking, soiling in the house and chewing household items, in which case a home where someone is around most of the time, for example home working environment or a retired home, may be more suitable.

Larger breed dogs have the same needs as other dogs but tend to need them in larger amounts! This can mean that they are more expensive to feed and medicate, and that they will take up more room in your house with their crates and beds etc. so bear this in mind when considering which dog to add to the family.

People often choose a dog based on their coat type. Some coats shed constantly, some shed seasonally and some don't shed much at all. So dependent on how much hair you are willing to tolerate in your home, this could be an important consideration for you. You should also consider the grooming needs of the dog, poor coat care can really impact their welfare, so whether you have the time and finances to provide this maintenance must be considered.

Just like humans, each dog is an individual with its own personality! While dogs within the same breed share a very similar genetic makeup that might predispose them to be a certain way, the experiences throughout each dog's life also have a huge impact on their characteristics.





PICK YOUR POOCH



Answer the questions below, choosing the most fitting answer for you. Take note of the **letter/s** of your answers. Whichever letter is most common in your answers will match you with the most suitable dog profile on the next page.

How would you describe your house?

A/B. Large **B/C.** Average **C/D.** Small

How would you describe your garden?

A/B. Large Garden **A/C.** Average **C/D.** Small Garden **D.** No garden

How much energy would you like your dog to have?

A. A considerable amount **B.** A reasonable amount
C. A large amount **D.** Small amount

Do you have small furrries in the home?

A. Yes, Cat/s **B/C.** No **D.** Other small animals or a mix

How often are you willing to groom your dog?

A. Regularly **B.** Occasionally **C/D.** Frequently **D.** Daily

Do you mind if your dog is vocal?

A/D. They can be as chatty or quiet as they want **B.** I would like them to be a dog of few words **C/D.** I don't mind if they are talkative

What size dog are you looking for?

A. Medium **B.** Large **C.** Small **D.** Tiny

How experienced an owner are you?

A. First time owner **B.** Have owned a dog/s before **C.** Have owned a variety of dogs before **D.** Grew up with dogs but haven't had my own

Do you have children in the home?

A/B. Older children (11+yrs) **A/D.** Young children (under 11)
C. No children

There are many different breeds and cross breeds out there, all with their own characteristics to choose from. Based on your answers to the previous questions here are some suggestions of breed types for you to consider.

Mostly A's? Consider a Retriever Type

Retrievers were bred to retrieve game and bring it back to the hunter. They have a soft mouth and are good swimmers, which made them ideal for retrieving from water. They tend to be large in size and quite energetic. As they are usually quite food orientated they are quite receptive to training. Short coat breeds only require occasional grooming but do shed, however, longer coats needing more frequent attention.

Example breeds: Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Labradoodle



Mostly B's? Consider a Sighthound Type

Sighthounds were bred for their incredible speed and agility in hunting game by sight but now prefer a more comfortable life. They are known for their keen eyesight, endurance and quick reflexes, which allowed them to outrun and catch prey. They tend to have a strong prey drive and require regular exercise but once home love nothing more than flopping on the sofa with plenty of cuddles.

Examples: Whippet, Saluki, Lurcher, Greyhound



Mostly C's? Consider a Terrier Type

Terriers were bred for control of species such as rats, foxes and badgers but now make fantastic, loving pets.

They are generally energetic and have a strong prey drive so require plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. These breeds come in a variety of sizes but tend to be small to medium breeds, although there are exceptions such as the Airedale. They tend to be either smooth or wire-coated which require less frequent grooming but there are longer coated and curly coated breeds which will need more maintenance.

Examples: Patterdale Terrier, Airedale Terrier, West Highland Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Mostly D's? Consider a Toy Type

Toy breed dogs were bred as companion animals and so have historically been popular pets. They are known for their small size, adorable appearance and friendly personalities. As they are small in stature they tend to have lower physical exercise demands but may still benefit from plenty of mental stimulation e.g. play and enrichment. These breeds have a variety of different coats, many of which require a lot of care to keep in tip top condition.

Examples: Chihuahua, Shih Tzu, Toy Poodle, Pug



Obviously, there is a lot of variation between individual dogs so it is important to find out about a dog's personality when considering a rescue dog or ask the breeder about the parents' temperament if you are considering buying a puppy.

OUR MEET&MATCH® PROCESS

Meet&Match® is Jerry Green Dog Rescue's pioneering method of helping you find the perfect pooch!

Years of experience, backed by scientific research, have convinced us that the old-fashioned system of letting people walk around the kennels causes unnecessary stress to our dogs and negatively affects their behaviour. Our Meet&Match® system reduces stress and gives both dog and adopter the best chance of a happy and fulfilling relationship.

1

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Get an idea of the kind of dogs we have up for adoption.



2

MEET US

Visit one of our centres to discuss what your needs/requirements are from a dog, the type of dog you are, what fits your lifestyle and experience with dogs.



3

MEETING THE DOGS

Meet some of the dogs away from their kennels so you can focus on each other in a calm environment. We take the time to make sure you find your forever friend. Once we know that a dog is the right fit we will work with you to set a plan for rehoming.



4

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR DOGS

During subsequent meetings at the rescue centre we will arrange to visit you and will be able to advise on everything from fencing and training to sleeping area and feeding. This will help things smoothly when you take your dog home. You also have the option to foster the dog before you adopt.



5

ADOPTION

Once your adoption forms are signed it's time to start your new life together. But it doesn't end there, we will continue to provide support, sharing the same aim - making sure your new companion has a happy and settled life.



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