

Non-Sporting Dogs

Includes Boston Terrier, Bulldog, Dalmatian, and Poodle



CARE SHEET

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The American Kennel Club separates breeds of dogs into seven groups. The Non-Sporting Group is, in general, a catchall category, where dogs who won't fit in any of the other groups are placed. This group ranges all the way from the toy-sized Bichon Frise and French Bulldog, to the Dalmatian and Standard Poodle.



Is a non-sporting dog the right companion animal for you?

Yes	No	Check "Yes" or "No" after reading the following statements:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. I have an appropriate location and space for the breed I am considering.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. I will spay or neuter my dog.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. I have the time necessary to commit to training this dog.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. I have researched and can commit to providing proper care, nutrition, and veterinary attention, including vaccinations, for this dog.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. A mature person will provide responsible and primary care for this dog.

If you answered "Yes" to these statements, a non-sporting dog may be the right choice for you! Continue reading about how to care for a non-sporting dog and consult with a PETCO associate to learn more. PETCO is committed to responsible companion animal care. Please consider attending one of PETCO's many adoption events for more information and to find just the right pet for your loving family.

Average Size Varies with breed **Life Span** 10 to 16 years with proper care, depending on breed

Diet Most dogs will do well on any of the premium dog foods available; match food to size and life stage treats should not exceed 10% of total diet; table scraps are not recommended
Clean, fresh, de-chlorinated water changed daily

Feeding Feed puppies 3-5 times daily, adult dogs 1-2 times daily; follow recommendations on manufacturer's label as a guideline and discuss your pet's individual feeding needs with your vet; feed large, deep-chested dogs 2-3 smaller meals a day to help avoid Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus Syndrome, commonly known as bloat, a serious condition that causes food to be trapped in the stomach

Housing Pack animals by nature, dogs view their human family as part of their pack and should be allowed to interact with human pack members as much as possible

Choose a dog that matches your housing constraints; large, active dogs are not suited for apartment living; provide an indoor crate and properly train the dog on crate use
Leaving dogs outdoors unsupervised is not recommended; an appropriate sized fenced yard, weather-appropriate shelter, food and water are a must if a dog must be kept outdoors; tie outs should only be used for temporary arrangements and a tied dog should not be left unattended

Grooming Bathe and trim nails as necessary. Shorthaired breeds benefit from weekly brushing; brush longhaired breeds daily. Many PETCO's offer grooming services. Grooming needs vary by breed; ask your PETCO groomer about your dog's needs

Normal Behavior and Interaction Will vary greatly by breed

Please take the time to carefully research your particular breed's personality and preferences before deciding to add a new four-legged member to your household

Recommended Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Kennel, crate or dog house	<input type="checkbox"/> Food, water bowls	<input type="checkbox"/> Premium dog food
	<input type="checkbox"/> Books on dog breeds, training	<input type="checkbox"/> Toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Grooming supplies
	<input type="checkbox"/> Collar and leash	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Training treats

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Popular Breeds

(These are generalizations only. Please research your chosen breed carefully.)

Bichon Frise – Generally less than 12 inches tall, the Bichon has a long history of being favored by European royalty; with its curly white coat and black button eyes, the Bichon appears in many Spanish paintings, and is seen in many works by Goya

Boston Terrier – One of the few breeds of dog developed in America, the Boston Terrier is a small, friendly, and gentle dog known for its distinctive dark coat and snow white markings

Chinese Shar-Pei – Often called the “wrinkle dog” the Shar-Pei is known for never quite growing into its skin; the AKC breed standard for the Shar-Pei describes its temperament as “Regal, alert, intelligent, dignified, lordly, scowling, sober and snobbish...but extreme in his devotion to his family”

Dalmatian – Well-known companion of firemen, the Dalmatian, with its white coat and black or liver spots, was originally developed as a coaching dog; coaching dogs ran alongside carriages and coaches, acting as protectors of the horses and rig when the owner stepped away to shop or fight fires; well-bred, well-socialized Dalmatians will make wonderful companions provided they receive the frequent exercise that they need

Llisa Apso – Originating from Tibet, the Llisa is also known in its native land as *Abso Seng Kye*, the “Bark Lion Sentinel Dog.”; excellent, though small, watch dogs, Llasas need frequent grooming to maintain their flowing coats

Poodle – The Poodle is one of the most recognizable dogs in the show world; their unique show coat is a stylization of a grooming style used to protect these water retrievers from getting too cold in the water.; their dense, curly coat helps to repel water; excel in obedience, and do best if given plenty of physical and mental exercise

Signs of a Healthy Animal

- Active, alert, and sociable
- Clean fur
- Clear eyes and nose
- Eats and drinks regularly
- Walks normally
- No bald patches

Common Health Issues

Health Issue (alpha)	Symptoms or Causes	Suggested Action
Diarrhea	Loose stools caused by poor diet, stress, unclean housing, or other illness	Consult with a veterinarian to determine cause and treatment. Keep vaccinations current
Mites, fleas, ticks	External parasites; cause itching, loss of hair, certain diseases	Use products especially designed for dogs. Contact a veterinarian for treatment

Red Flags

- Missing fur
- Distressed breathing
- Lethargic
- Diarrhea or dirty bottom
- Eye or nasal discharge
- Excessive thirst
- Uneven gait
- Weight loss

If you notice any of these signs, please contact your veterinarian.

Sources

How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With by Clarice Rutherford & David H. Neil
Choosing a Dog for Life by Andrew De Prisco, et al
Dog Training in 10 Minutes by Carol Lea Benjamin

Note: The information on this Care Sheet is not a substitute for veterinary care. If you need additional information, please refer to the above sources or contact your veterinarian as appropriate.