

CARE SHEET

Developed with and approved by a Qualified Veterinarian

Popular Breeds

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

Boxer – Intelligent, fearless, agile and strong, the boxer is so named for his tendency to paw at, or “box” an opponent; loyal and loving, they can make wonderful companions and excellent watchdogs when well trained

Great Dane – One of the tallest breeds of dogs, Great Danes are often called “gentle giants” ;originally bred for hunting wild boar in Europe, the Great Dane still retains the loyalty and gentleness required to be a wonderful companion; unfortunately, all giant breeds tend to have shorter life spans than average-sized breeds

Newfoundland – Bred for water work, Newfies are true working dogs; from water rescue to draft work (pulling carts) to helping sailors with heavy nets, Newfies are happiest when given a job alongside their favorite person; they are so at home in the water that they even have webbing between their toes to aid in swimming

Rottweiler – Originally bred as a “drover,” a herder of large animals over long distances, Rotties became best known for police and soldier work; well-bred, well-socialized Rotties are true joys to be around

Siberian Husky – Well known as a Nordic sled dog, Huskies were first developed by the Chukchi people of northeastern Asia to pull light loads over long distances at medium speed with minimal energy expenditure; the dogs were first imported to Alaska in the early 1900s.

Good fences are critical for keeping Huskies safe and frequent strenuous exercise is a must to keep them mentally and physically healthy

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.