

Dog Breed Size Information Sheet

Understanding Dog Sizes

Different sizes
Same love
Better futures

Dog breeds are commonly grouped into size categories based on their average adult weight and height. Knowing the size of a dog helps owners choose a breed that suits their home, lifestyle, activity level, and experience.



Xtra Small Dog Breeds

Typical Size

- Weight: Under 5 kg
- Height: Under 25 cm

Personality Traits

- Often affectionate and people-oriented
- Can be confident despite their tiny size
- May bond strongly with one person
- Sensitive to rough handling and cold weather

Best For

- Apartments and small homes
- Owners wanting a companion dog
- People able to provide close supervision

Things to Consider

- Fragile bones and delicate bodies
- Can become overly dependent if not trained properly
- Need gentle socialisation and calm leadership
- Small dogs still require boundaries, routine, and exercise

Common Xtra Small Breeds

- Chihuahua
- Pomeranian
- Toy Poodle
- Maltese
- Yorkshire Terrier
- Papillon
- Russian Toy
- Affenpinscher

Small paws
Big personalities



Small Dog Breeds

Typical Size

- Weight: 5–10 kg
- Height: 25–40 cm

Personality Traits

- Energetic and alert
- Often adaptable and social
- Many were bred for companionship or hunting small game

Best For

- Families and singles
- Smaller homes with daily exercise
- Owners wanting a manageable-sized dog

Things to Consider

- Some small breeds can become vocal or reactive without guidance
- Mental stimulation is important
- Consistent training helps build calm behaviour

Common Small Breeds

- Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- French Bulldog
- Miniature Schnauzer
- Jack Russell Terrier
- Shih Tzu
- Boston Terrier
- Pug
- Dachshund

Small size
Big love



Medium Dog Breeds

Typical Size

- Weight: 10–25 kg
- Height: 40–60 cm

Personality Traits

- Usually versatile and active
- Many medium breeds are intelligent working dogs
- Often balance energy with trainability

Best For

- Active families
- Homes with yards or access to regular outdoor exercise
- Owners willing to provide training and structure

Things to Consider

- Require regular exercise and mental enrichment
- Can become destructive when bored
- Thrive with calm leadership, consistency, and routine

Common Medium Breeds

- Border Collie
- Australian Cattle Dog
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Beagle
- English Springer Spaniel
- Australian Shepherd
- Whippet
- Cocker Spaniel

Active minds
Happier dogs



Large Dog Breeds

Typical Size

- Weight: 25–45 kg
- Height: 60–75 cm

Personality Traits

- Often loyal and protective
- Can be calm indoors when exercised properly
- Many large breeds are powerful working dogs

Best For

- Experienced owners
- Homes with space and secure fencing
- Families committed to ongoing training

Things to Consider

- Need proper obedience training early
- Strong dogs require calm, confident handling
- Higher food and veterinary costs
- Joint health and exercise balance are important

Common Large Breeds

- Labrador Retriever
- Golden Retriever
- German Shepherd
- Boxer
- Doberman
- Rottweiler
- Weimaraner
- Belgian Malinois

Loyal hearts
Larger adventures



X-Large Dog Breeds

Typical Size

- Weight: 45 kg+
- Height: 75 cm+

Personality Traits

- Often gentle giants when well-trained
- Calm and loyal but extremely strong
- Some breeds are natural guardians

Best For

- Owners experienced with giant breeds
- Larger homes and properties
- Families prepared for the physical and financial commitment

Things to Consider

- Require space, training, and careful socialisation
- Puppy growth must be managed carefully to protect joints
- Shorter average lifespan in some giant breeds
- Calm leadership and structure are essential due to their size and strength

Common X-Large Breeds

- Great Dane
- Saint Bernard
- Newfoundland
- Mastiff
- Irish Wolfhound
- Leonberger
- Cane Corso
- Great Pyrenees

Gentle giants
Make a big difference



Choosing the Right Breed

Before choosing a dog, consider:

- Your lifestyle and activity level
- Size of your home and yard
- Time available for training and exercise
- Grooming needs
- Financial commitment
- Experience with dogs
- Children or other pets in the home

The right
dog for
the right
home



Every Dog Benefits From:

- Calm and consistent leadership
- Positive training and boundaries
- Daily exercise and mental stimulation
- Early socialisation
- Routine, structure, and patience

A healthy relationship is built through trust, guidance, and understanding. Dogs thrive when owners provide calm direction, clear expectations, and a safe environment.



Happy
dogs
Brighter
tomorrows