



The 12 Step **Guide** to the **perfect** Dog

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Step 1 - What is the 'right' dog for you?

There are many things which need to be considered when you are looking at getting a dog.

Here are some examples:

- Breed
- Size
- Temperament
- Time Requirements

These are all very important, however the most important thing to think about is **your** lifestyle. Ask yourself the following-

- How much time do you have for daily exercise?
- Other than time for daily exercise, when else will you be free?
- What spare income do you have?
- How much space do you have?
- Are you a novice or an experienced dog owner?

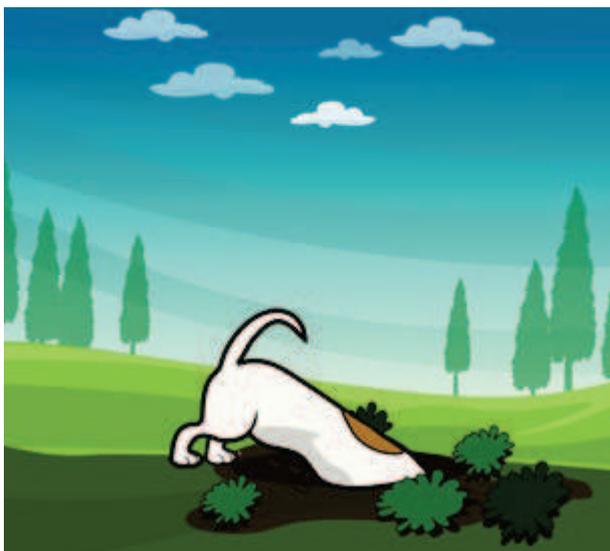
Answering the questions above, will give you a better understanding of the 'right' type of dog that will fit in with your current lifestyle. The biggest mistake that many people make is choosing a dog for their looks; without considering what the dog needs and if they have the time to meet those needs.

Did you know?

Huskies have been bred to race and pull sleds; in some circumstances they will cover over 70miles in a single day! **Would you really be surprised if you couldn't meet this dogs daily exercise requirements?**



Terriers have been bred to hunt and kill vermin; this involves digging them out of their dens or going underground after them. **If you want a nice garden without holes in it, maybe think twice about the addition of a terrier to your household.**



Once you have the answers to your lifestyle questions, create a shortlist of breeds that meet your requirements. To do this, research the web and speak to dog professionals. These should include: Breeders, Vets, Rescue Centres and Dog Trainers.

All will have different views based upon their own experiences and knowledge. For a balanced view, speak with as many as you can. Once you have chosen a breed, the next step is to find a dog.



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