

Breed	Physical Characteristics	Personality Characteristics
 American Water Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-size muscular dog that weighs between 25 and 45 pounds. Has a waterproof thick brown coat that is either wavy or curled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs love swimming and are excellent hunters. They have pleasant personalities although they can be shy with strangers.
 Boykin Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are medium-size dogs that weigh 25 to 40 pounds. Their coat is silky and various shades of solid brown. They have long, feathery ears. They have webbed toes designed for working in water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A happy, outgoing personality and an eagerness to work make them very trainable. Make excellent bird dogs in lakes and wetlands. They are great family dogs although they are not necessarily good with other small household pets.
 Brittany Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-size dog weighing between 30 and 40 pounds. They have long legs and are less compact and muscular than some other dogs of similar size. Their coat comes in white and orange or white and liver. It can be flat or wavy with some feathering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An intelligent and active dog that needs a lot of physical and mental exercise. These dogs are not a good choice for an apartment or a quieter lifestyle. Can be a versatile dog for hunting and is also popular in dog sports like agility and competitive obedience.
 Chesapeake Bay Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large dog weighing between 55 and 85 pounds, with females smaller than males. Has an oily waterproof coat designed for swimming in cold water. Come in either solid shades of brown, sedge (red) or deadgrass (tan) with amber-colored eyes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known for boundless energy, these dogs need a home that can give them a lot of exercise and training. They are very loving to their humans but are wary of strangers and can be protective. If well socialized, trained and exercised, they can be a calm, even-tempered dog.
 Clumber Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-large dog that weighs 55 to 85 pounds and is the largest flushing spaniel breed. Unlike other spaniels they have a stocky body. They have a long, thick coat that sheds, and owners also need to deal with some drool. Their coat comes in white with areas of orange or lemon on the face and ears. The smallest spaniel in the sporting group weighs between 20 and 30 pounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known for having a mellow, gentle personality, they are great family dogs. A friendly, outgoing dog that may be shy around new people. Unlike other sporting group dogs, they do not have intense exercise needs. This is a rarer breed to find and are mostly available in the United Kingdom with a small number in the U.S.
 Cocker Spaniel (American)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have a long, silky coat with feathery ears that requires regular grooming. The coat comes in most solid colors, multi-colored or patchy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although they were originally bred for hunting, Cocker Spaniels are a very popular family dog. They are known for being very loyal to their people. They are easy to train and are popular in dog sports like agility.
 Curly-Coated Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This breed gets their name from their tightly curled thick waterproof coat. This is a large breed dog weighing between 60 and 95 pounds. Their coat comes in either solid black or liver. They do not need regular grooming and only an occasional bath and brushing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A versatile hunting dog that is highly intelligent and very trainable. These dogs love swimming and water and need a lot of exercise. They are known for being loving and puppy-like, but wary of strangers and aloof with non-family members. They are a good choice for a protective family dog.
 English Cocker Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are between 26 to 34 pounds. Their coat is long and silky with feathering on the ears, legs and belly. Daily grooming is a must. They are larger than the American version and have a longer snout and ears. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like their American counterpart, the English Cocker Spaniel has a genial, pleasant personality. Unlike the American version, they have a much stronger prey drive. They make both excellent hunting and family companions.
 English Setter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-to-large dog weighing between 45 and 80 pounds. The breed has a "belton" coat which is white with speckled areas of lemon, blue dapple, orange and liver. The coat is short on the body and long and silky on the ears, tail, chest and belly. They need regular grooming and brushing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although this breed needs regular exercise like all the sporting group dogs, he's a bit more relaxed than others. They have a reputation for having sensitive, quiet personalities and make gentle companions. English Setter owners report they can be a bit harder to housetrain and they also are diggers and fence jumpers.
 English Springer Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-size dog that weighs between 40 and 50 pounds. They have muscular bodies and are athletic hunters. Their double coat comes in liver and white, black and white or liver or blue roan. There is a field and show version of the breed, with the field version being leaner with a shorter coat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They excel as both hunters and family dogs. They are known for being very easy to train. Their personalities are exuberantly friendly. They have a reputation for being very focused on their humans and they can become anxious and stressed if left alone. The show version tends to be a bit more laid back.
 Field Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a rarer member of the sporting group that looks much like a Cocker Spaniel. They weigh between 35 and 50 pounds. Their long coat comes in either black, liver or black and liver together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are considered to have a docile, quiet disposition. They make excellent family dogs and do well with other animals. They can be reserved with strangers and very devoted to their people.
 Flat-Coated Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-large size dog weighing 55 to 70 pounds. They have a long, flat and feathered coat that comes in either solid liver or black. They have feathering on their bellies, tails, legs, chest and ears. Their head shape is longer than that of other retrievers and their body is leaner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are exuberant, energetic dogs that need a lot of exercise and mental enrichment. They are easy to train and love working. Many owners consider them to be "long-term" puppies who retain a youthful personality throughout their life.
 German Shorthaired Pointer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This breed weighs between 45 and 70 pounds, with females smaller than males. Their short coat comes in either solid liver, a liver and white ticked pattern or liver roan. They are athletic, graceful dogs with a rectangular appearance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called "the perfect pointer" by the AKC, these are friendly dogs that are very trainable. These dogs need a lot of exercise and an active home. They are known to be very good with children and make good family dogs, provided they get enough exercise.
 German Wirehaired Pointer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-large dog that weighs between 45 and 70 pounds. They have a wiry, thick coat designed for cold, wet weather. Their coat requires stripping at least twice a year, but they don't need regular daily or weekly grooming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like the German Shorthaired Pointer, these dogs need lots of exercise. They are smart dogs that enjoy working and training. They adore their humans and do not tolerate being left alone well. They may not do well with other small household pets.
 Golden Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Retrievers range from medium to large size weighing between 55 and 75 pounds. The breed has a long coat that needs regular grooming. There is a field and show version. The field-bred dogs slightly smaller and redder and the show-bred dogs are golden with a thicker, longer coat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The breed is an extremely popular choice as a family dog. They are highly intelligent and very trainable and excel at dog sports, service dog work and search and rescue. While they have friendly, gentle dispositions and are wonderful with children and other pets, they do need a lot of exercise to be happy.
 Gordon Setter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are between 45 to 80 pounds with males larger than the females. They are the largest setter breed. Their long coat is black and tan and needs weekly brushing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although they are excellent hunting dogs, they also are known to be very affectionate and loving. They need a great deal of exercise. They are reserved around strangers and protective.
 Irish Red and White Setter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medium-size setter that weighs 35 and 60 pounds. Their build is stockier and muscular compared to other setters. Their coat is white and red and needs some regular trimming and brushing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are very outgoing and enthusiastic dogs and they can be a bit harder to train because of their energy level. They have a high demand for daily exercise and can be destructive if bored.
 Irish Setter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a large setter weighing 60 to 70 pounds. They are known for their beautiful long red coat. They will need brushings a few times a week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs have sweet personalities and make great family dogs. They are very energetic and need ample daily exercise. They are popular with hunters as a birding dog.
 Irish Water Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the tallest spaniel breed, standing between 21 and 24 inches high. They weigh between 45 and 68 pounds. They have a tightly waterproof curled coat. Their coat comes in a solid liver color. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs love swimming and are built for working in the water. They are easy to train and do well in hunting and dog sports. Their personality is playful and affectionate, and they enjoy people.
 Labrador Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are medium to large dogs that weigh between 55 and 80 pounds. They have stocky, athletic builds and a short, dense water-repellant coat. Their coat comes in yellow, black and chocolate. Their double coat sheds and they'll need regular bathing and brushing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted repeatedly as the number one dog in the U.S., these dogs make excellent family dogs. They are highly intelligent and trainable and are used in service dog, therapy, and search and rescue work. They excel as hunting companions and are a favorite in many dog sports.
 Lagotto Romagnolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These medium-size dogs run 24 to 35 pounds when full grown. They have a thick, curly coat that looks like wool and feels like hair. They come in brown, brown and white, orange, orange and white and brown roan. Their coat is waterproof, and they are not heavy shedders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are an active breed but do not have the extreme exercise needs of other sporting dogs. They are very easy to train and are used in dog sports, service and search and rescue work. They were bred to hunt truffles in the ground in Italy and excel at scent work.
 Nederlandse Kooikerhondje	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are on the small side, weighing 20 to 30 pounds. They have a medium-length silky coat that is white with reddish patches. Their ears are tipped with black and are feathery and they have a distinctive plumed white tail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are athletic and active but not excessively so. They have sweet personalities and are easy to train. Their name originally means "decoy dog" in Dutch.
 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a medium-size breed weight 35 to 50 pounds. They are the smallest of the retriever breeds. Their coat is a solid shade of red with some white on their face and body. They shed and will need weekly brushings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are energetic dogs that love to swim and are great companions for people who love hiking, camping and outdoor sports. They require a lot of exercise and an active household.
 Pointer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are powerfully built dogs that weigh between 45 and 75 pounds. Their coat is short and dense and easy to care for. Their coat comes in black, lemon, liver or orange or any of those colors with white. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs have intense exercise needs and do best with an active owner. They are known for having friendly, easy-going personalities and are easy to train. They excel at hunting, dog sports and therapy and service dog work.
 Spinone Italiano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs have a dense coat that needs regular stripping. Their coat comes in white, white and orange, brown roan and orange roan. The breed's name comes from "spino" which means thorn in Italian. The coat is designed to repel rough brush and thorns during a hunt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the calmer of the sporting breeds, these dogs require exercise but don't need as much as other sporting dogs to be happy. They love people and are good family dogs. They have a reputation for being a bit difficult to housetrain. They're also fence jumpers and diggers when bored.
 Sussex Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This spaniel weighs between 35 and 45 pounds. They have low, long, muscular and deep-chested bodies. Their coat color is solid liver and is long and feathered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are amiable dogs with calm temperaments. They require daily exercise but because they physically mature very slowly, they need to do low-impact exercise until they are 18 months old.
 Vizsla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vizslas weigh between 44 and 60 pounds. These dogs have lithe, agile bodies. Their coat is a solid red color and it's short with minimal grooming needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This breed is very intelligent and is easy to train in all types of dog sports and hunting. They can be sensitive and do not do well if left alone. They need a lot of daily exercise and are very playful and active.
 Weimaraner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are large dogs weighing 55 to 90 pounds. Known as the "gray ghost" for their distinctive glossy short grey coat. There is also a long-haired version. Their coat can vary from dark grey to silver and even dark blue though this is not breed standard. Puppies are born with dark grey stripes that fade after the first week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are intelligent and very trainable dogs that do well in all types of sports. They are versatile hunting dogs. This breed has very high daily exercise needs and would do best with active older children and adults. They are known to be good family dogs and can be protective of their humans though they are not known for aggression.
 Welsh Springer Spaniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This spaniel breed weighs 35 to 55 pounds. They have a medium-length waterproof silky coat that is white and red. Their head has a different shape from other spaniels with a straighter muzzle and domed forehead area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs love their families but can be shy with new people. They are very active and need a good deal of daily exercise. They are very trainable and are popular for use in hunting and dog sports.
 Wirehaired Pointing Griffon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are 35 and 70 pounds, with females smaller than the males. They have a rough coat and distinctive "beard and mustache." Their coat comes in gray with brown or chestnut. This is a low-shedding breed that needs regular brushing and an occasional stripping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs thrive on human attention and do not do well alone or crated too often. They need a lot of physical and mental enrichment to stay happy. They are versatile hunting dogs who are easy to train and excel at all kinds of dog sports.
 Wirehaired Vizsla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs weigh between 45 and 65 pounds. Like the smooth coat Vizsla, this breed has a sleek, athletic build. Their coat is wiry and dense and comes in a solid shade of red. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These dogs are best for active homes as they need a lot of exercise. They are intelligent and love training. They can be sensitive and bonded to their humans, and do not do well alone.