

...RETRIEVERS...

Retrievers retrieve - whether in water, on land or in the air. Most retrievers are “party animals,” good natured, outgoing and very energetic. People have bred specifically for particular aspects of the wolf’s prey drive - the chase, and bringing the prey back to the den. In addition, these dogs need to be submissive enough to give their possessions to their owners.

- **BREEDS INCLUDE:** Flat Coated Retriever, Golden Retriever, Curly Coated Retriever, Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Chesapeake Bay Retrievers are not usually as friendly and outgoing as the rest of the retrievers, and in fact, can be quite aggressive, since they were also used to guard property.
- **TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE:** Energetic, dominant, happy, mouthy, ball or Frisbee oriented, vocal, great obedience dogs, ability to work well with humans
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Destructive, noisy, mouthy during puppy stage, overwhelmingly energetic, separation anxiety, occasionally escape orientation or wanderlust, possessive

...SPANIELS...

The word Spaniel derives from the word “Spain.” and indeed some of the group did come from that country. Spaniels are hunting dogs, bred to flush or “spring” game from bushes. They are conveniently sized for pets, and are quite popular because of that. Dogs bred for pets only generally have lots of hair - or feathering - on their ears and legs.

- **BREEDS INCLUDE:** American Water, Clumber, Cocker, English Cocker, English Springer, English Toy, Field, Irish Water, Japanese Chin, Sussex, Tibetan and Welsh
- **TYPICAL BEHAVIOR PROFILE:** Cheerful, fun-loving, energetic, “birdy,” love to fetch
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Possession, unruliness, destructiveness, mouthy. A behavioral problem known as “rage syndrome” (thought to be a form of dominant aggression or possibly conflict behavior) is prevalent in some strains of Cockers and Springers. The behavior is characterized by attacking and biting, with no apparent provocation.

...COMPANION DOGS...

Companion dogs are essentially a mixed canine bag, ranging from the Dalmatian to the Lhasa Apso. They don’t quite fit in anywhere else. The poodle was originally a water hunting dog, the English Bulldog a sporting dog (if you call Bull baiting a sport), the Keeshond and Schipperke were barge companions, the Tibetan Terrier and Lhasa Apso guard dogs with some herding thrown in, and Boston Terrier a companion.

Their temperaments are just as varied as their looks.

- **TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE:** Varies from breed to breed
- **TYPICAL PROBLEMS:** Dalmatians can be dog and people aggressive, and need vast amounts of exercise. The Schipperke is very dominant, often dominant aggressive, the Boston Terrier is feisty and independent, and the Poodle often has separation anxiety and vocal problems.