

- BREEDS INCLUDE: Afghan, Saluki, Ibizan, Pharaoh, Greyhound, whippet, Italian Greyhound
- TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE: Reserved, sometimes shy, aloof, gentle, quiet when they're not running after something.
- TYPICAL PROBLEMS: Predatory to small animals, many are not interested in obedience work, so have earned the reputation of being stubborn and stupid, which they are not.

...NORTHERN BREEDS...

These dogs are beautiful, and often look like wolves (they are also used often in breeding Wolf Hybrids). A working Malamute can pull up to a ton for a short distance, while Huskies specialize in long treks. Samoyeds are all round sled dogs. American Eskimos are bred down sled dogs (as are Pomeranians). Thick double coat, sheds dirt.

- BREEDS INCLUDE: Alaskan Malamute, Siberian Husky, Samoyeds, American Eskimo, Norwegian Elkhound, Finnish Spitz, American Husky, Pomeranian (Akita and Chow Chow also could fall into this group)
- TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE: Many are very independent, and have a tendency to roam if not adequately fenced. Predatory. Often quite tolerant of pain (like that delivered by a small child)
- TYPICAL PROBLEMS: Wandering, killing small animals, difficult to obedience train, dominance possession aggression.

...TERRIERS...

Small to medium sized dogs (one large - the Airedale), bred to chase after and kill vermin or to be the participants in dog fighting or bull baiting. Very hardy, as a rule, many with harsh, wiry coats that need little conditioning. Virtually all hail from various parts of the British Islands.

- BREEDS INCLUDE: Airedale, Australian, Bedlington, Border, Boston, Bull, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, Irish, Kerry Blue, Lakeland, Manchester, Norfolk, Norwich, Scottish, Sealyham, Silky, Skye, Smooth Fox, Soft-Coated Wheaten, Tibetan, Toy Fox, Toy Manchester, Welsh, West Highland White, Wire Fox, Yorkshire...and Jack Russell. I do include Miniature Schnauzers and Dachshunds in this group, because they share the disposition.
- TYPICAL BEHAVIORAL PROFILE: Scrappy, energetic, independent, often predatory, hardy and fun describes most terriers. They can be quite dominant, and are often poor pets for kids because of their low bite inhibition. The short legged variety tend to get on better with other dogs than the longer legged types, though this is a very broad generalization.
- TYPICAL PROBLEMS: Snappy, independent, dog-aggressive, dominant-aggressive, the smaller ones have trouble with house training.

...TOYS...

Most of these little guys take on the breed characteristics of their larger cousins, with a few twists. Because they're so tiny, they can often be quite snappy, no matter what breed they were bred down from, and they develop their own specific behavior problems — especially a dislike of being put on the ground!