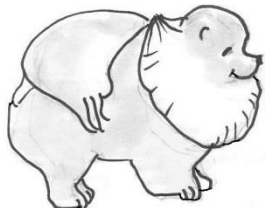


### Toy Group:



Dogs in this group are miniature versions of dogs from many other groups. Many are descended from larger terriers and spaniels and do retain some of those traits. The Pomeranian is descended from the Spitz family of dogs—the sled dogs of Iceland and Lapland! These small dogs usually have a lot of spirit and strong personalities. They can become the pack and household leader if the people don't take charge of the situation. They can also be snappy.

#### **Characteristics:**

- Sensitive
- Sassy
- Intelligent
- Alert
- Affectionate
- Fearless

#### **Toy breeds:**

- Cavalier King Charles
- Chihuahua
- Havanese
- Italian Greyhound
- Maltese
- Pomeranian
- Pekinese
- Toy Poodle
- Pug
- Shih Tzu
- Silky & Yorkshire Terriers

### Working Group:

The working group includes dogs who were originally bred to be draft dogs, hunters and guardians. They are usually medium to large in size (over 40 pounds). These dogs are athletic, strong, courageous and loyal. These are dogs whom people have come to rely on.

#### **Characteristics:**

- Strong
- Courageous
- Loyal
- Affectionate
- Calm
- Protective
- Smart
- Confident

#### **Families within the working group:**

**Northern Breeds:** These beautiful dogs often look like wolves. Many are used in breeding Wolf Hybrids. A working Malamute can pull up to a ton of material a short distance and Huskies can travel pulling a loaded sled for many miles. Samoyeds are also sled dogs and the small sized American Eskimos are sled dogs who have been bred down to a smaller size. These dogs are very independent and may have a tendency to roam if their home base is not securely fenced. (Please review our handout on **Escape Artists**.)

- Akita
- Alaskan Malamute
- Siberian Husky
- Samoyed
- Norwegian Elkhound
- Finnish Spitz
- American Husky

