**Dog Breeds**

What dog is going to be the best fit for you?

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### German Shepherd

A dog lying on grass with a ball

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German Shepherd Dogs can stand as high as 26 inches at the shoulder and, when viewed in outline, presents a picture of smooth, graceful curves rather than angles. The natural gait is a free-and-easy trot, but they can turn it up a notch or two and reach great speeds. There are many reasons why German Shepherds stand in the front rank of canine royalty, but experts say their defining attribute is character: loyalty, courage, confidence, the ability to learn commands for many tasks, and the willingness to put their life on the line in defense of loved ones. German Shepherds will be gentle family pets and steadfast guardians, but the breed standard says there's a certain aloofness that does not lend itself to immediate and indiscriminate friendships.

**Traits**

Affectionate with Family

Good with Young Children

Protective Nature

High Adaptability Level

A baby running with a dog

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Here are some additional resources to help find the right dog for you.

[Guide to Adopting Dogs](http://www.forallanimals.org/resources/guide-to-adopting-dogs) [http://www.forallanimals.org/resources/guide-to-adopting-dogs/]

[Edmonton Humane Society](https://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com/) [https://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com/]

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