

Concept: Cerberus Match Guide

Purpose

This guide outlines Cerberus's care needs, temperament, and compatibility to help determine if you and Cerberus are a good match. A strong match ensures long-term success for both dog and caregiver.

Ideal Home Environment

Cerberus thrives in calm, structured environments. He benefits from consistent routines and companionship throughout the day. A house with a secure yard works best. Cerberus is not suited to apartment living.

Best fit:

- Access to outdoor space
- Quiet, predictable routines
- Human presence during most of the day

Energy Compatibility

Cerberus brings enthusiasm and a strong working drive. He needs regular movement, stimulation, and shared purpose. Daily walks, play, and short training sessions help him feel settled and engaged.

Care includes:

- 60+ minutes of activity each day
- Toys and games that challenge his mind
- Consistent feedback and clear direction

Experience Level

Cerberus responds to steady, confident leadership. With guidance, he adapts well and enjoys learning. Experienced handlers and new adopters who commit to structure and support can succeed with him.

Caregiver strengths:

- Clear boundaries and consistency
- Commitment to ongoing training
- Calm and attentive presence

Household Compatibility

Cerberus does best in adult-only homes or with children over 5 years old. He prefers environments free from overstimulation. His high prey drive makes cat-free homes ideal. He may live well with a calm, balanced dog after a careful introduction.

Additional needs:

- Time and space to decompress
- Consistent structure to build trust

Medical and Health Overview

Cerberus maintains overall good health. Gentle care helps him continue to build confidence and strength.

- Treated for fleas on intake
- Not neutered yet; recommended at 12–18 months
- Healing paw scrapes (as of July 6, 2025)
- Sensitive to hot pavement
- Recovering from kennel cough
- Healed bite on ear

For Cerberus's full medical and health overview, see the [Health and Vaccination Record](#)

Feeding and Food Habits

Cerberus eats well and responds to food as a training tool. He enjoys a steady routine and a balanced diet.

- Two meals daily of dry kibble
- Likes yogurt, peanut butter, broths, and watermelon
- Fast eater and drinker (slow feeder recommended)
- Begs at the table but is not fed from it

Temperament and Activity

Cerberus is alert, affectionate, and playful. He builds bonds quickly and shows joy when given shared tasks.

- Active and eager to engage
- Protective instincts; good alertness

- Needs structured walks and mental games
- Enjoys treat balls, squeaky toys, beach balls
- Not responsive to frisbees
- Supervision recommended during soft toy play

Socialization and Daily Life

Cerberus connects deeply and thrives in homes with structure. He values routine, activity, and companionship.

- Wakes up at 6 a.m., potty break, fetch, breakfast at 7 a.m., then bowel movement
- Loves children (above 5-8 years old)
- Trained to give hugs, doesn't jump up
- Learning personal boundaries
- Pack-oriented; enjoys daycare and dog companions
- Dislikes crates and long periods alone
- Not compatible with cats

Training Needs

Cerberus shows strong potential and benefits from structured, positive reinforcement.

- Currently in formal training with _____
- High prey drive (squirrels, rabbits, small dogs)
- Can jump up on cue

Training success depends on:

- Positive reinforcement
- Daily, clear communication
- Avoidance of punishment-based methods

Lifestyle Fit Scenarios

- Remote or hybrid worker: Excellent match for consistent engagement
- Active adult or couple: Good fit for shared activity and bonding
- Retiree with routine: Works well if structured and attentive
- High-traffic or chaotic home: Not a good match
- Confined living space (i.e., apartment): Not a good match

Summary

Cerberus is energetic, trainable, and full of heart. He builds trust with presence, structure, and mutual respect. Cerberus is a loyal and intelligent companion ready to grow alongside you.