# [Australian Cattle Dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/australian-cattle-dog/" \o "Australian Cattle Dog):

# Like many herding [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/), Cattle [Dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) have high energy levels and active minds. They need plenty of exercise and a job to do, so non-working [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) need to participate in [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) sports, learning tricks, or other activities that engage their body and mind. Some individuals find repetitive [training](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-training) frustrating and dull, so owners should aim to make [training](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-training) sessions varied and more exciting in [order](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-order) to keep their [dog](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/)interested. Cattle [Dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) who do not receive the appropriate exercise and entertainment will invent their own, often destructive, activities. These [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) are, by nature, wary. They are naturally cautious, and grow more so as they age. Their cautious nature towards strangers makes them perfect guard [dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/), when trained for this task. Cattle [Dogs](https://a-z-animals.com/animals/dog/) drive cattle by nipping at their heels or tails, but they have also been known to herd other [animals](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-animal).

# Australian Cattle Dog Facts:

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| [Common Name](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-common-name): | Australian Cattle Dog |
| [Origin](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-origin): | Australia |
| [Average Size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-size): | 50cm (20in) |
| [Average Weight](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-weight): | 20kg (45lbs) |
| [Average Lifespan](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-lifespan): | 15 years |
| [Group](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-group): | Herd Dog |
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| [Colour](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-colour): | Grey, Red, Black |
| [Average Litter Size](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-average-litter-size): | 5 |
| [Temperament](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-temperament): | Strong minded yet loyal and loving |
| [Training](https://a-z-animals.com/reference/glossary/#jump-training): | Should be trained from an early age and respond best to firm and fair training |