

Is the Vizsla the Right Breed for You?

Vizslas are High-Energy Dogs, are you a High-Energy Family?

People who like to be out in nature, or to go walking, jogging or running are good matches for this breed. Vizslas need many hours of off-leash running per week, which is very difficult to fit into the busy schedule of a household with kids, or a home where the owners are not home for most of the day and cannot get home early enough to take the dog for a good long run. You need to be not only willing, but eager, to spend at least 7 hours per week going for long hikes at remote natural areas far from traffic. Do not assume that you can change your lifestyle to accommodate your Vizsla's exercise requirements – most people find it very difficult to change their routine – so if you are a low-activity person, or prefer your activity to take place in a gym, Vizslas are not for you. If your family loves to spend lots of regular active time outdoors, this breed may be ideal for you and you may have found a breed that really brings out the best in you. One of our favourite things about Vizslas is that we can spend time out in nature with our Vizslas instead of using that time in grooming. As a short-haired sporting dog, Vizslas have the advantage of being a 'drip-dry and go' dog that needs only the basic care common to all dogs (nails, teeth, ears, eyes and the occasional bath).