

# The Puppy Pie

Just like a home made pie, puppies are all individual. Understanding the ingredients for your perfect "Puppy Pie" is vital when considering bringing a puppy into your home. Have a closer look at Pupstarts Breeders recipe for success...





# Lets get you off on the right paw!

Have you thought about  
what you REALLY want?

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- A close-up photograph of a dog, likely a Weimaraner, with brown and white fur. The dog is sitting on a brown leather couch, looking directly at the camera. The background is a warm, brown wall.
- HOUNDS
  - GUNDOGS
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  - TERRIER
  - WORKING
  - CROSSBREEDS
  - STREET DOG  
RESCUES

## **BREED GROUPS**



# GUNDOG

**Bred to assist in finding,  
flushing and retrieving game**

Group includes: Spaniels, Retrievers, Setters & Pointers



- Sociable
- Intelligent
- Trainable
- Fun loving
- Tolerant
- Good family dogs



- High energy
- Prey drive
- Hyper social
- Toy obsession
- Destructive
- Separation anxiety



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# PASTORAL

**Bred to assist in herding  
moving and protecting flocks**

Group includes: Collies, Shepherds, Sheepdog Breeds, Mountain Dogs and Corgi



- Sociable
- Intelligent
- Trainable
- Affectionate
- Loyal
- Independent



- Territorial/stranger related aggression
- Resource guarding
- Excessive barking
- Lack of recall
- Controlling behaviour
- OCD (car/tail chasing)
- Sensory sensitivity



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# TERRIER

**Bred to assist in pest control, rats, foxes and badgers**

Group includes: Jack Russell, Bull Terriers, Border Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Fox Terrier



- Energy
- Fun
- Courageous
- Independent
- Loyal
- Full of character



- Territorial related aggression
- Resource guarding
- Excessive barking
- Lack of recall
- Head strong
- Love to dig/escape
- Chase & kill



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# HOUND

## Bred to track & bring down larger prey (scent & sight hound)

Group includes: Greyhound, Whippet, Beagle, Bassett Hound, Dachshund, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Deerhound



- Intelligent
- Affectionate
- Calm
- Social
- Switch off at home



- Excessive barking
- Lack of recall
- Life on lead
- Head strong
- Indoor living can be tricky
- Chase, catch & kill instinct
- Emotional responses



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# TOY

## Bred to be our companions

Group includes: Pekingese, Maltese, Bichon, Havanese, Llasa Apso, Pug, Pomeranian, Chihuahua



- Friendly
- Sweet natured
- Low prey drive
- Fun
- Affectionate
- Lower energy



- Territorial
- Resource guarding
- Excessive barking
- Separation anxiety
- Fear aggression
- House training difficulties
- Handling intolerance



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# WORKING

**Bred for practical activities for example pulling carts and sleds. Also for watch dogs and rescue.**

Group includes: Rottweilers, Dobermann, Boxer, Mastiff, Husky, Malamute



- Confident
- Affectionate
- Courageous
- Strong
- Loyal
- Social



- Fiercely independent
- Do not like being caged/restrained
- Wary of strangers
- Lack of recall
- Head strong
- Escape artists
- Destructive



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# UTILITY

**Mixture of breeds that do not quite fit into other categories.**

Group includes, Dalmatian, Akita, French Bulldog, Sharpei, Schnauzer



- Curious
- Loyal
- Friendly



- Excessive barking
- Separation anxiety
- Resource guarding

If you are interested in a breed that falls into this group we advise that you contact the individual breed clubs for more specific information.



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# CROSSBREEDS

Mixture of breeds that do not fall into a specific category

Group includes, Poodle Crosses, Pomkies, Jugs



- Social
- Trainable
- Intelligent
- Loyal
- Friendly
- Good family pets



- Excessive barking
- Separation anxiety
- Resource guarding
- Easily aroused
- High energy
- Conflicting behaviours



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# STREET DOG RESCUES



Mixed breeds who do not fall into a category.



- Trainable
- Intelligent
- Independent
- Low arousal
- High threshold
- Low prey drive



- Chewing
- Scavenging
- Resource guarding
- Jumping up on people/furniture
- Escape artists
- Self employed!
- Fearful








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# THE RECIPE

STEPS	DOG	OWNER	PITFALLS	RISK
<b>1</b> Expectation setting		Be honest about what dog ownership looks like for you	Impulsive or convenient purchase	Frustrated dog & owner, rehoming risk high
<b>2</b> Research breed groups		Understand the breed groups and what they need	Choosing a dog based on looks or colour	Frustrated dog & owner, rehoming risk high
<b>3</b> Connect with breeders		Take your time to find the right breeder	Purchasing from unethical, illegal breeder	Frustrated dog & owner, rehoming risk high
<b>4</b> Prepare		Home, mindset practicalities	Rushing, not ready or prepared	Frustrated dog & owner, rehoming risk high
<b>5</b> Raise		Deliver on your pledge	Failing to understand the ongoing needs of the dog	Frustrated dog & owner, rehoming risk high

The dog column is empty. They are the innocents in this process, remember they have no choices around where or who they live with.



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