

## Activities for different breeds

Your dog's breed(s) has a long history of been selectively bred over the years for different jobs and abilities. These behaviour traits can still be seen in our dogs today. By identifying your dog's breed characteristics, you may be able to fulfill their needs and keep them happy and content.

Which breed group does your dog fall into? It's a good idea to research the actual breed and ensure you understand 100% what is required.

GROUP	BREEDS	ORIGINS
Toy	Papillion, Pug, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Maltese	Bred as companion animals, bred smaller in size
Terriers	Jack Russell, Fox Terrier, Border Terrier, Bull Terrier, West Highland Terrier	The word Terrier comes from the Latin word meaning 'Earth', and this is exactly what these wonderful breeds were required to do, go to the 'Earth' to flush out vermin and small animals.
Gundogs	Vizsla, Pointer, Labrador, Golden Retriever, Lagotto, Cocker Spaniel	Experts at hunting, divided into two groups- one to flush out the game (point) the other to retrieve (fetch).
Hounds	Beagle, Bassett, Daschund, Greyhound, Saluki, Whippet	Experts in hunting, divided into two groups – scent hounds, to track and follow scents, have endurance-sight hounds, motivated by movement, fast at catching prey.
Working	Border Collie, Kelpie, German Shepherd, Corgi, Cattle Dog,	Specifically bred for certain tasks which involve- herding, livestock protection, endurance,
Utility	Akita, Boxer, Dobermann, Mastiff, Schnauzer, Husky, Rottweiler	Bred specifically for guarding, protection whether it be people or livestock. Also some breeds in this group are bred for pulling, sledding and endurance.
Non-Sporting	French Bulldog, Dalmatian, Chow, Great Dane, Poodle, Shar Pei	Diverse group of breeds with different needs and characteristics.

Always, remember each dog is different, so it is important you get to know what **your likes and dislikes**.

### Toy breeds enrichment:

- Daily grooming session
- Trick training
- Homemade agility course
- Massage
- Food puzzles
- Therapy dogs
- Soft toys to play with
- Scent garden

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#### **Terrier breeds enrichment:**

- [Aussie dog toys](#)
- Long lasting chews
- Digging pits
- Water trough
- Earth dogs
- Lure Coursing
- Tunnels
- Hide food throughout the yard

#### **Gundog breeds enrichment:**

- Wading pool
- Walking in an area where there is water
- Retrieving games
- [Automatic ball thrower](#)
- Tracking: Tracking Dog Club of South Australia
- Hiding food in the back yard
- Obedience training
- [Puzzles](#)

#### **Hound breeds enrichment:**

- [Nose works](#)
- Scent Dogs Australia
- Earth Dogs
- Tracking
- Food scatter
- Lure Coursing
- Flyball
- [Flirt Poles](#)
- Exploring new environments-lots of sniffing
- Snuffle mats

#### **Working breed enrichment:**

- Adding something new into their environment
  - Something to investigate
  - Something to smell
  - Something to chew
  - Rotate
- Home agility course
- Herding Dog Club of SA
- [Jame Farm Days](#)
- Bubble machine
- Trick training
- Daily physical exercise
- Kid pools filled: water, balls, leaves, dirt

#### Utility breed enrichment:

- Sledding
- Obedience
- Long lasting chews
- [Home alone toys](#)
- Viewing area-some breeds have guarding characteristics
- Grooming sessions
- Massage
- Balance and stability exercises

#### Non Sporting enrichment:

- This group is so diverse with different shapes and sizes.
- They range in different abilities and physical strengths, ranging from a Great Dane to a British Bull Dog.
- Work within your dog's capabilities, likes and dislikes.