



Synoptic Table of the article: "Qualities and defects of Dog Breeds"

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Qualities and defects of breeds

Breed

PHYSICAL CONSTITUTION

Main physical defects

Qualities

Defects

Note

LEONBERGER

Well proportioned in spite of its size.

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Fond of its owner, highly intelligent.

Avalanche dog.

Wary of strangers, cannot bear to be chained up

ST. BERNARD

Avalanche dog.

Sway back; tail curled over the back; curly or excessively long coat; self-coloured coat or lack of white.

Docile, faithful, courageous and generous.

Sometimes irritable in hot climates.

Mountain rescue.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LANDSEER

Elegant in appearance, agile in movement.

Sway back; weak loins; tail curved over the back in action; cow hocks; presence of dew claws; feet turning outwards.

Faithful and courageous.

None.

Sea rescue.

PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG

Strong and muscular.

Excessively heavy head; pronounced stop; round, prominent eyes; undershot jaw; cow hocks; absence of two sets of dew claws at the back.

Gentle, calm, affectionate, courageous.

None.

Excellent guard dog.

BOXER

Strong and hardy. Agile in movement, proud of bearing.

Heavy appearance; light nose; light eyes; jaw showing; tongue and teeth visible when the mouth is shut; missing teeth; tail set low; white marking on the coat; covering more than one third of the total surface area.

Obedient and intelligent, easy to train.

Wary of strangers.

Excellent guard dog.

DOBERMANN (Dobermann Pinscher)

Elegant and lithe in build, well muscled.

Heavy appearance; excessively large head; pronounced stop; light eyes; overshot or undershot jaw; presence of dewlap; incorrect stance; straw-colored coat; white markings on the chest; tan markings not clearly defined.

Intelligent, lively, courageous, faithful easy to train.

Reacts aggressively to provocation.

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SCHNAUZER

Strong and hardy, compact in build.

Wrinkles on the forehead; light eyes; undershot jaw; presence of dewlap; cow hocks; wavy coat; atypical colouring.

Lively, faithful, easily trainable.

Sometimes restless and dangerous with strangers

Resistant to adverse weather conditions, killer of vermin.

GREAT DANE

Strong and elegant, proud of bearing

Snipy muzzle; missing teeth; overshot or undershot jaw; even bite; short neck; presence of dewlap; sway back; incorrect stance; curled tail; colour not conforming to the standard.

Obedient and faithful to its owner, docile and even tempered.

Suspicious of strangers.

The poorly developed sense of smell does allow it to recognize even its owner in the dark.

HOVAWART

Strong and hardy.

Undershot or overshot jaw; ears wide apart; sway back; hind legs not well angled; tail curled over the back, curly coat.

Intelligent and obedient.

Retains its happy-go-lucky puppy temperament too long.

Excellent guard dog.

ROTTWEILLER

Strong but of rather heavy build.

Long muzzle with excessively drooping lips; narrow skull; light eyes; light build; thin tail.

Intelligent; faithful to its owner.

Aggressive and dangerous with strangers.

Good guard dog, even used by the police in some states.

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