



The sensible way to find your new best friend

For free one-to-one advice, please complete this questionnaire, enclose a stamped addressed envelope and post to: Perfect Pup, *Dogs Today*, The Dog House, 4 Bonseys Lane, Chobham, Surrey GU24 8JJ. It will then be forwarded on to an appropriate Perfect Pup advisor who will write to you with their recommendations. This is a completely free service thanks to the generosity of our advisors

Would you like to be featured in *Dogs Today*? Every month we take an in-depth look at a person or family choosing a dog. We print parts of the questionnaire, the response from our expert and pictures of you and your new pup. If you would like to be considered, please tick the box below and enclose a good colour photograph of yourself. It will be returned if you write your name and address clearly on the back.

Yes, if selected we would like to be featured

I enclose ___ photographs

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime tel no: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Please tick your most accurate age band:

Under 24 25-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 and over

Who else lives in your house? Please give the ages of any children and explain if anyone is frail. Are you planning to have children or retire in the next 10 years? _____

What sort of work is done by the workers in the household?
Is it likely to change? _____

Do you already have any dogs? Yes No

If yes, how many? What sexes? Are they neutered?
What breeds? What ages?

Do you have a cat or any other pets? Yes No

If yes, is the cat afraid of dogs? Does it run when confronted?

Is there someone at home during the day? What is the maximum amount of time the dog would be regularly left alone? _____

Describe your home - is it a flat, detached, semi? Do you have very near neighbours - would a noisy dog be a problem? How big is your garden? Is it well fenced?

Do you have any breeds on your shortlist? What are they and why do they appeal?

Have you ever owned a dog before? Yes No

If yes, how long ago was it? _____

What breed and sex was it? _____

Were you definitely the boss in the relationship or did you have any problems? Please describe any problems?

Are you assertive enough for a dog to know that you're in control? _____

Would you prefer a breed that was easy to master or are you experienced enough to tackle a breed that will need a lot of careful training? _____

**Does your dog need to be a guard dog as well as a companion?
Would a warning bark suffice?** _____

How much exercise would you be able to give your dog every day? _____

Are there dog friendly places to go nearby? _____

Please tick which you would prefer:

- A walk around the block every night
- A dog who will walk for miles
- A jogging companion
- One good gallop and a walk around the block if it's raining

Would a dog that needed a lot of grooming put you off?
Yes No

Would a dog that needs professional grooming be a problem?
Yes No

Would a dog that sheds hair be a nuisance?
Yes No

Is there anybody with allergies in your household?
Yes No

Would you consider an older dog from a rescue organisation?
Yes No

Would you be hoping to breed from your dog in the future?
Yes No

Are you hoping to do a specific activity with your dog (eg. showing, obedience, agility, flyball etc)?
Yes No

If yes, please state intended activity: _____

What would you be able to do to appropriately socialise your dog / puppy? _____

What efforts could you make to appropriately train your dog / puppy? _____

**Can the dog be any size? Have you got a small house, car?
Would food costs be a problem if you were to choose a giant breed? Please give examples - what's small to one person can be big to another!** _____

Are there any breeds you particularly dislike? Why?

If your immediate household doesn't include children, do you have any that visit regularly?

How did you hear about *Perfect Pup*?

