



# 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*, Town Mill, Bagshot Road, Chobham, Surrey GU24 8BZ. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Do you already have any dogs?** Yes  No

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

What breeds? What ages?

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

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

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

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**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?**

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

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**Have you ever owned a dog before?** Yes  No

If yes, how long ago was it? \_\_\_\_\_

What breed and sex was it? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 need professional grooming be a problem? Yes  No

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

Is there anybody with allergies in your household? Yes  No

If you are thinking of getting a traditionally docked breed, would you be looking for an undocked puppy? 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*? \_\_\_\_\_