

Animal Breed Identification Guide



Identifying Animal Breeds

Pedigree

In Australia, there is a governing body (non-for-profit organisation) that advocates for the preservation of purebred dogs through ethical breeding.

This body is called Dogs Australia, formerly known as the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) and was formed in 1958 to act as a recommendatory body to promote co-operation between the States. This in turn locked in the officiation of breed standards nation wide.

Dogs Australia maintains official breed standards and lineage documentation which determines pedigree.

Dogs Australia recognises the following international canine controlling bodies:

- Federation Cynologique Internationale (Belgium) – includes a written agreement
- Kennel Club (UK) – includes a written agreement
- American Kennel Club (USA)
- Canadian Kennel Club

The following are member bodies of Dogs Australia:

- Dogs ACT
- Dogs West
- Dogs QLD
- Dogs NT
- Dogs NSW
- Dogs Tasmania
- Dogs Victoria

Crossbreeds & Rescue Dogs

Because physical appearance can be misleading, veterinarians and owners often use commercial canine DNA tests that analyse the dog's genetic markers and compare them to a database of known purebred markers.

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

Under the Act, a dog breed can be decided in each of the following circumstances:

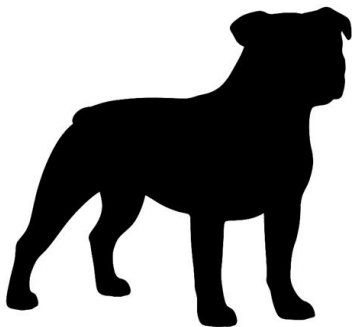
- A pedigree certificate stating the breed of the dog issued from ANKC, a member body of ANKC or a recognised international body of ANKC
- A certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon stating, or to the effect, that the dog is of a particular breed.

Dog Sizes



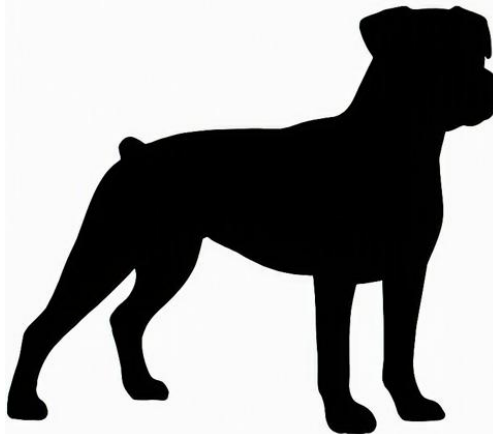
Small
>10kg

Example breeds: *Chihuahua, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bichon Frise, Maltese Terrier & Papillon, French Bull Dog, Miniature Schnauzer, Dachshund & Jack Russell Terrier*



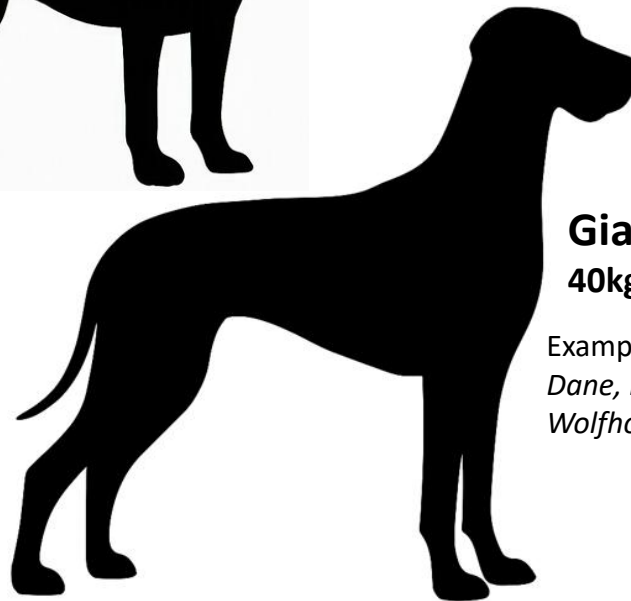
Medium
10-25kg

Example breeds: *Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Beagle, Cocker Spaniel, Standard Schnauzer*



Large
26-40kg

Example breeds: *Boxer, German Shepherd, Alaskan Malamute, Golden Retriever*



Giant
40kg+

Example breeds: *Great Dane, Newfoundland, Irish Wolfhound & Boerboel*

Toys

• Bred to be our loving companions due to their small size and robust health



Affenpinscher



Australian Silky Terrier



Bichon Frise



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Chihuahua



Chinese Crested



English Toy Terrier



Griffon Bruxellois



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Havanese



Italian Greyhound



Japanese Chin



King Charles Spaniel



Lowchen



Maltese Terrier



Miniature Pinscher



Papillon

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Pekingese



Pomeranian



Pug



Tibetan Spaniel

Yorkshire Terrier



Terriers

- Bred to tirelessly hunt vermin – both above and below ground
- Have little tolerance for any other kinds of animals – including other kinds of dogs, any small fast-moving animal or postal workers



Airedale Terrier



American Staffordshire
Bull Terrier



Australian Terrier



Bedlington Terrier



Border Terrier



Bull Terrier



Cairn Terrier



Cesky Terrier

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Dandi Dinmont Terrier



Fox Terrier



German Hunting Terrier



Glen of Imaal Terrier



Irish Terrier



Jack Russell Terrier



Kerry Blue Terrier



Lakeland Terrier

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Manchester Terrier



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich Terrier



Parson Russell Terrier



Scottish Terrier



Sealyham Terrier



Skye Terrier



Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

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Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Tenterfield Terrier



Welsh Terrier



West Highland White Terrier

Gundogs

- Bred primarily to help hunters find and retrieve many kinds of game in the field and water
- Well known for their incredible instincts in both water and woods



Bracco Italiano



Brittany



Chesapeake Bay Retriever



Clumber Spaniel



Cocker Spaniel



Curly Coated Retriever



English Setter



English Springer Spaniel

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Field Spaniel



Flat Coated Retriever



German Shorthaired Pointer



German Wirehaired Pointer



Golden Retriever



Gordon Setter



Hungarian Vizsla



Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla

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Irish Red & White Setter



Irish Setter



Irish Water Spaniel



Labrador



Logotto Romagnolo



Munsterlander



Pointer



Spinone Italiano

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Sussex Spaniel



Weimaraner



Welsh Springer Spaniel

Hounds

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- Scent hounds – use their incredibly acute sense of smell to follow a trail
- Sight hounds – run down their quarry using their incredible speed and stamina



Afghan Hound



Basenji



Basset Fauve de Bretagne



Basset Hound



Beagle



Blood Hound



Bluetick Coonhound



Borzoi

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Dachshund



Finnish Spitz



Basset Griffon Vendeen



Greyhound



Hamiltonstovare



Harrier



Irish Wolfhound



Elkhound

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Otterhound



Pharaoh Hound



Procelaine



Portuguese Podengo

Rhodesian Ridgeback



Scottish Deerhound



Saluki



Sloughi



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Small Portuguese Podengo



Wirehaired Portuguese
Podengo



Whippet

Working

- Mostly bred for stamina, these herding dog breeds work with their owners all day long out in the fields with the flocks and are trained to take verbal commands from a distance
- Other forms of working dogs are bred for stock protection and live with the flock to defend against predators



Australian Cattle Dog



Australian Kelpie



Australian Shepherd



Bearded Collie

Belgian Groenendael Shepherd



Belgian Laekenois Shepherd



Belgian Malinois Shepherd



Belgian Tervueren Shepherd



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Bergamasco Shepherd



Border Collie



Bouvier des Flandres



Briard Collie

Cardigan Welsh Corgi



Dutch Shepherd



Finnish Lappund



German Shepherd



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Hungarian Kuvasz



Komodor



Maremma Sheepdog



Norwegian Buhund

Old English Sheepdog



Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Polish Lowland Sheepdog



Puli



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Pumi



Shetland Sheepdog



Swedish Lapphund



Swedish Vallhund

White Swiss Shepherd



Utility

- Bred to assist people with guarding, leading, guiding, assisting, tracking, pulling carts, rescues, etc.



Akita



Alabai



Alaskan Malamute



Anatolian Shepherd Dog

Bernese Mountain Dog



Boxer



Bullmastiff



Canadian Eskimo Dog



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Doberman Pinscher



Dogue de Bordeaux



English Mastiff



German Pinscher



Kangal Shepherd



Leonberger



Neapolitan Mastiff



Newfoundland

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Portuguese Water Dog



Pyrenean Mastiff



Pyrenean Mountain Dog



Rottweiler

Russian Black Terrier



Samoyed



Schnauzer



Shiba Inu



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Siberian Husky



Spanish Mastiff



St Bernard



Tibetan Mastiff

Non-Sporting

- A diverse group with no single defined purpose, containing breeds of varying sizes, appearances and temperaments
- Originally bred for a wide range of roles but now valued mainly as companions, watchdogs, or versatile all-round family dogs



Boston Terrier



British Bulldog



Canaan Dog



Chow Chow

Dalmatian



Eurasier



Shar Pei



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Australian Koolie



Bull Arab



Boerboel (South African Mastiff)



Australian Bulldog

Bandog
(mix of Mastiff /
Staffordshire type dogs)



Landseer



Belgian Mastiff



Labradoodle
(Labrador cross Poodle)

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Puggle
(Pug cross Beagle)



Schnoodle
(Schnauzer cross Poodle)



Spoodle
(Cocker Spaniel cross
Poodle)



Shichon
(Shih Tzu cross Bichon
Frise)

Prohibited Breeds

- Under provision of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, certain breeds are prohibited to be owned, be responsible for, supply or breed
- These are the same breeds that are absolutely prohibited to be imported into Australia, in accordance with the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956 (Cth)*



American Pit Bull Terrier



Dog Argentino



Fila Brasileiro



Japanese Tosa

Perro de Presa Canario



Domestic Cats

- There approximately 50 recognised pedigree cat breeds, spanning across three distinct groups
- Most commonly, domestic shorthaired, mediumhaired and longhaired cats (group four) will be encountered across the community



Bengal



Devon Rex



Maine Coon



Persian



Siamese



Ragdoll



Sphinx

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Domestic Shorthaired



Domestic Mediumhaired



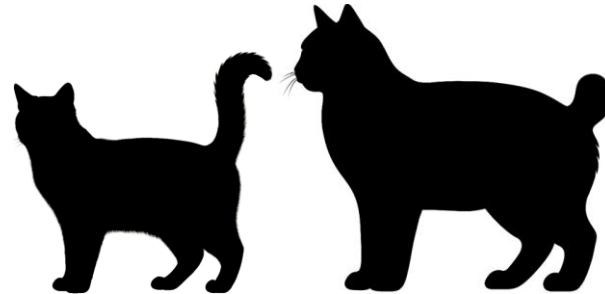
Domestic Longhaired

Feral Cats

- There are two types of feral cats – cats that have been born domestically but left to fend for themselves (become feral) and those that are generationally feral
- Identifying a feral is primarily done through behavioural observation, however with generationally feral cats, there are some key physical indicators that can be observed in conjunction

Identifying a Feral Cat Caught in a Cat Trap

- Upon coming into immediate view of the cat, it displays aggressive behaviour and will attempt to flee – may ram the trap when doing so
- A feral cat will never meow at a person
- A feral cat will never be wearing a collar or be implanted with a microchip
- Injury to the forehead or bridge of the nose, indicates constant attempt to escape the trap
- Generationally feral cats may become larger in size and often form a bobtail, this is caused from inbreeding



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