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# Breed Temperament Guide





# Breed Temperament

One of the things that makes a specific breed of dog unique is not only the dog's physical appearance, but each breed also has its own distinct temperament.

Each AKC breed has a national parent club (see [akc.org](http://akc.org)).

Parent clubs describe their breed's ideal temperament in the written breed standard.

A summary of the temperament (as per the parent club's breed standards for each breed) follows.

*Where an asterisk (\*) appears, it indicates that there was not a specific section on temperament in the parent club's breed standard. The description in this guide for these breeds was based on information about the breed written by parent clubs.*



# AKC Groups

## Part 1

AKC has grouped all of the breeds that it registers into 7 categories or groups.

These are: Sporting, Hound, Terrier, Working, Toy, Herding and Non-Sporting.

These groups are based on function and heritage. They share traits of form and function or a common heritage.

## Sporting Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
American Water Spaniel	Intelligent; eager to please; friendly, happy, upbeat. Aloof with strangers; can be a bit stubborn.
Barbet	Friendly, bright, sweet-natured, joyful, willing worker.
Boykin Spaniel	Friendly, intelligent; easy to train; gets along well with other dogs and children.
Brittany	Happy and alert; upbeat, neither mean nor shy.
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Bright, happy, intelligent, courageous, affectionate.
Clumber Spaniel	Gentle, affectionate, intrinsic desire to please, intelligent. Aloof with strangers; should not be aggressive.
Cocker Spaniel	Equable (calm and even-tempered) not timid. Gentle, smart, happy.
Curly-Coated Retriever	Confident, intelligent, courageous, calm, affectionate, may appear aloof with strangers. Should not be shy.
English Cocker Spaniel	Merry, affectionate, equable (calm, even-tempered), willing worker, engaging companion.
English Setters	Gentle, affectionate, friendly. Not shy, fearful, or aggressive.
English Springer Spaniel	Friendly, eager to please, willing to obey. Should not be timid or aggressive (to dogs or people).
Field Spaniel	Sensitive, docile (willing), fun-loving, independent, intelligent. Should not be shy, fearful or aggressive.
Flat-Coated Retriever	Responsive, sensible, bright, confident, happy, outgoing. Should not be nervous, shy or aggressive.
German Shorthaired Pointer	Friendly, intelligent, willing-to-please, keen enthusiasm to work. Should not be nervous.
German Wirehaired Pointer	Affectionate, eager-to-please, at times aloof but not unfriendly toward strangers.
Golden Retriever	Friendly, reliable, trustworthy. Should not be be timid, nervous or quarrelsome toward people or other dogs.
Gordon Setter	Affectionate, alert, interested, confident; fearless, willing, intelligent.
Irish Red & White Setter	Kindly, friendly; determined, courageous, high-spirited.
Irish Setter	Outgoing stable temperament is the essence of the breed. Should not be shy or timid.
Irish Water Spaniel	Alert, inquisitive, active, stable, may be reserved with strangers, should not be shy or aggressive.
Labrador Retriever	Outgoing, intelligent, adaptable, eager to please, should not be aggressive or shy.
Lagotto Romagnolo	Affectionate, easy to train, good companion, excellent watchdog, should not be aggressive nor overly shy.
Nederlandse Kooikerhondje	Cheerful, confident, good-natured, friendly with owners- may be reserved with strangers, attentive.
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	Intelligent, alert, but not nervous or hyperactive; affectionate, may be reserved but not shy.
Pointer	Loyal, hard-working, courageous. Even temperament, congenial companion, should not be timid.
Spinone Italiano	Naturally sociable, docile, affectionate, patient.
Sussex Spaniel	Friendly, cheerful, tractable (easy to deal with).
Vizsla	Lively, gentle, affectionate, sensitive but fearless with protective instincts; should not be shy, timid, or nervous.
Weimaraner	Friendly, fearless, alert, obedient.
Welsh Springer Spaniel	Active, affectionate; reserved with strangers; not timid, shy, or unfriendly; devoted family member.
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon	Friendly, intelligent; easily trained, outgoing, willing to please, trustworthy; excellent family dog.
Wirehaired Vizsla	Confident, sensitive, stubborn, affectionate with owner; can be aloof with strangers; keen protective instinct.

## Hound Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
Afghan Hound	Independent, sweet, and regal. The whole appearance is one of dignity and aloofness.
American English Coonhound	Sweet, sociable with people and dogs. Mellow but tenacious when hunting.
American Foxhound*	Independent, easy-going, sweet tempered, good natured.
Azawakh	Affectionate, attentive, reserved with strangers. Should not be timid or aggressive.
Basenji	Independent, poised. Intelligent, alert, and affectionate but can be aloof with strangers.
Basset Hound	Charming, patient, low-key. Extremely devoted, should not be timid or aggressive.
Beagle	Friendly, curious, works cheerfully, loyal companion, generally easy-going.
Black & Tan Coonhound	Easy-going, brave, outgoing, and friendly. Reserved, but should not be shy or aggressive.
Bloodhound	Friendly, inquisitive. Gets along with people & dogs. Somewhat shy, sensitive.
Bluetick Coonhound*	Smart, devoted, affectionate. Prey drive, reserved but not shy or aggressive, independent.
Borzoi*	Affectionate, dignified, calm and agreeable. Reserved; not shy or aggressive.
Cirneco dell'Etna	Affectionate, friendly and gentle. Independent, strong and lively.
Dachshund	Friendly, curious, clever, lively, courageous, a good companion. Shyness is a fault.
English Foxhound*	Affectionate, gentle, sociable. Scent driven, can be stubborn.
GBGV - Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen	Happy, outgoing. Friendly, not easily agitated, can be stubborn, willing to please.
Greyhound*	Gentle, independent, sweet-tempered. Affectionate with family, reserved with strangers.
Harrier	Friendly, outgoing, people-oriented. Working pack breed so no aggression is tolerated.
Ibizan Hound	Family oriented, even-tempered, affectionate. Trainable, excellent as a family pet.
Irish Wolfhound*	Courageous but not aggressive, calm, sensitive. Serene, agreeable, not a fierce guard dog.
Norwegian Elkhound	Confident, bold, energetic, courageous. Effective guardian that is normally friendly.
Otterhound	Even-tempered, affectionate, amiable, boisterous. Perseveres in investigating scents.
PBGV- Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	Bold, vivacious, confident, happy, extroverted, willing to please. Not aggressive or shy.
Pharaoh Hound	Friendly, intelligent, affectionate, playful. Alert and active, hunts by sight and scent.
Plott	Alert, confident, intelligent; mellow but an aggressive, bold, fearless hunter.
Portuguese Podengo Pequeno	Playful, charming, very lively, intelligent. A companion that willingly serves as a watchdog.
Redbone Coonhound	Even-tempered, amiable, eager to please. Mellow, amenable to training. Aggressive hunter.
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Even-tempered, independent, reserved with strangers. Prey drive, protective of family.
Saluki*	Gentle, dignified, independent. May be aloof with strangers.
Scottish Deerhound*	Confident, gentle, prey drive, sensitive but is not shy, fearful or anxious.
Sloughi	Reserved, graceful and noble. Attitude is noble and somewhat aloof. A dog with class.
Treeing Walker Coonhound	Alert, intelligent, courageous, energetic, extreme endurance and a desire to perform.
Whippet	Friendly, gentle, calm, but can be intense during sporting events.

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## Terrier Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
Airedale Terrier	Confident, friendly, courageous. More reserved than other terriers. Should not be shy or spooky.
American Hairless Terrier	Energetic, curious, alert, intelligent; should not show aggression or extreme shyness.
American Staffordshire Terrier	Smart, confident, good-natured. Keenly aware, very trainable.
Australian Terrier	Spirited, courageous, confident. Aggressive ratter. Friendly, affectionate. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Bedlington Terrier	Courageous watch dogs who will cuddle with you, can be stubborn but also eager to please. Not shy or nervous.
Border Terrier	Good-tempered, affectionate, obedient, easily trained. In the field, they are as "game as they come."
Bull Terrier	Playful, charming, comical, gets into mischief, full of fire; sometimes stubborn but sweet disposition.
Cairn Terrier	Active, curious, alert, affectionate; dignified but tenacious and bold when working.
Cesky Terrier	Pleasant, cheerful companion. Reserved toward strangers; calm, kind disposition. Neither aggressive nor shy.
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Independent, determined, reserved. Affectionate & dignified but tenacious and bold when working.
Glen of Imaal Terrier	Spirited, courageous when called upon; gentle and docile otherwise. Active, agile, and silent when working.
Irish Terrier	Good-tempered, spirited, shows fire and animation, affectionate, loyal; will guard family.
Kerry Blue Terrier*	Alert, adaptable, bright, feisty, energetic, prey drive.
Lakeland Terrier	Bold, friendly, confident. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Manchester Terrier (Standard)	Keenly observant, devoted but discerning, generally friendly with other dogs, not aggressive or shy.
Miniature Bull Terrier	Full of fire, courageous; even tempered and amenable to discipline.
Miniature Schnauzer	Alert, spirited, obedient, friendly, intelligent, willing to please. Should never be overaggressive or timid.
Norfolk Terrier	Alert, gregarious (sociable), fearless, loyal; never aggressive.
Norwich Terrier	Affectionate; adaptable, sporting; ideal companions. Also: sociable, curious.
Parson Russell Terrier	Bold, friendly, courageous, playful, exuberant, affectionate, energetic; should not be quarrelsome, shy or aggressive.
Rat Terrier	Keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, easily trained, obedient; generally friendly with other dogs; reserved with strangers; overt aggression and excessive shyness should be penalized
Russell Terrier	Alert, lively, keen, spirited, playful, curious, loyal, affectionate.
Scottish Terrier	Spirited, steady-going; determined, thoughtful. Loving and gentle with people but can be aggressive with other dogs.
Sealyham Terrier*	Ideal companion, inquisitive, confident, humorous, outgoing, friendly, devoted.
Skye Terrier	Courageous, fearless, good-tempered, loyal. Friendly with those they know. Reserved, cautious with strangers.
Smooth Fox Terrier	Must present gay (happy, cheerful), lively and active appearance. Also: friendly, sociable.
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	Happy, steady, confident. Alert, interested in surroundings. Should not be timid or aggressive.
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Courageous, high intelligence, tenacity; affection for friends (especially children), quiet and stable.
Welsh Terrier	Alert, aware, spirited; friendly, shows self-control. Intelligent, desires to please. Should not be aggressive or shy.
West Highland White Terrier	Alert, gay (cheerful), courageous, and self-reliant but friendly. Should not be timid, aggressive or belligerent.
Wire Fox Terrier	Alert, quick of movement, "on the tip-toe of expectation at the slightest provocation." Also: social and confident.

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## Working Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
Akita	Alert, responsive, dignified, and courageous. May be intolerant of other dogs, especially of the same sex.
Alaskan Malamute	Affectionate, friendly, loyal, devoted, playful in invitation, not a one person dog.
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	Calm, protective, courageous, territorial, may be reserved with strangers.
Bernese Mtn. Dog	Confident, alert, good-natured, never sharp or shy; may be aloof to strangers.
Black Russian Terrier	Courageous, calm, confident, intelligent, instinctively protective, fearless, not shy or excessively excitable.
Boerboel	Dominant, intelligent, strong protective instinct. Can be aggressive or belligerent towards other dogs.
Boxer	Self-assured; social, wary with strangers but fearlessly courageous if threatened; affectionate, should not be shy.
Bullmastiff	Fearless, confident, docile (cooperative), reliable, intelligent, willing to please, dependable, protector.
Cane Corso	Protective of property and owners; intelligent, easily trained, docile and affectionate with family.
Chinook	Affectionate, playful companion. Eager to please, dignified, may be reserved with strangers. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Dogo Argentino	Friendly, cheerful, humble, intelligent, faithful, and above all else, courageous.
Doberman Pinscher	Energetic, watchful, fearless, loyal, obedient. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Dogue de Bordeaux	Courageous but not aggressive. Good companion- attached to and affectionate with master. Calm, balanced temperament.
German Pinscher	Intelligent, fearless, vigilant, watchful of strangers. Tenacious if threatened; should not be aggressive or shy.
Giant Schnauzer	Composed, watchful, courageous. Sound, reliable temperament. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Great Dane	Spirited, courageous, friendly, dependable. Should not be shy or aggressive.
Great Pyrenees	Confident, gentle, affectionate. Protective of flock or family, quiet composure, strong-willed, reserved yet attentive, fearless.
Greater Swiss Mtn Dog	Bold, faithful, willing; alert and vigilant; should not be shy or aggressive.
Komondor	Calm, steady, intelligent; affectionate with family & friends. Wary of but accepts strangers; protective and a guardian.
Kuvasz	Intelligence, determination, courage, curiosity. Gentle, protective, suspicious with new people; bold, courageous, fearless.
Leonberger	Gentle, even temperament; confident. Willing to please, playful. Should not be timid, nervous or quarrelsome (dogs).
Mastiff	Good-natured, dignified, courageous, docile (accepts instruction). Should not be shy or aggressive.
Neapolitan Mastiff	Steady, calm, loyal to owner, not aggressive or apt to bite without reason, protective (property and owner), always watchful.
Newfoundland	Sweetness of temperament is the most important single characteristic of the breed.
Portuguese Water Dog	Spirited disposition, self-willed (can be stubborn), brave, exceptionally intelligent, loyal companion; obedient.
Rottweiler	Calm, confident, courageous with self-assured aloofness; protective; intelligent; willing to work; should not be shy or aggressive.
St. Bernard*	Lovable companion, quiet. Perfect family dog, adaptable, calm, naturally curious.
Samoyed	Gentle, alert, eager to serve; friendly but conservative; not distrustful or shy, not overly aggressive.
Siberian Husky	Friendly, gentle, alert, outgoing. Not overly suspicious or aggressive with other dogs. Older dogs may be reserved.
Std. Schnauzer	Intelligent, fearlessness, high-spirited, extremely reliable. Should not be shy, nervous, or aggressive.
Tibetan Mastiff	Intelligent, independent, strong-willed, rather reserved; aloof with strangers; protective; should not be shy.

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## Toy Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
Affenpinscher	Alert, inquisitive, affectionate, generally quiet but excitable when threatened, fearless,
Biewer Terrier	Charming, intelligent, devoted to family, amusing, friendly with other animals.
Brussels Griffon	Intelligent, alert, sensitive, full of self-importance. Also: loyal, curious.
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Friendly, affectionate, sweet, gentle. Should not be nervous, shy or fearful.
Chihuahua	Alert, with terrier-like qualities of temperament (confidence and self-reliance).
Chinese Crested	Gay, alert. Also: playful, entertaining, affectionate, lively.
English Toy Spaniel	Bright, interested, affectionate, willing to please. Charming, gentle, playful.
Havanese	Friendly, playful, alert, intelligent; sweet, non-quarrelsome disposition. Should not be aggressive or shy.
Italian Greyhound	Affectionate, happiest with family, aloof with strangers, sensitive, alert, intelligent, and playful, can be timid or sensitive.
Japanese Chin	Sensitive, intelligent, purpose is to serve as companion, affectionate but reserved with strangers and in new situations.
Maltese	Trusting, affectionately responsive, gentle mannered, lively, playful and vigorous. Fearless.
Manchester Terrier (Toy)	Keenly observant, devoted but discerning (selective); friendly with other dogs, should not be shy or aggressive.
Miniature Pinscher	Fearless, self-possession (calm, confident), spirited presence (full of energy). Also: fun loving.
Papillon	Happy, alert, friendly, not shy or aggressive. Also: quick, curious, upbeat.
Pekingese	Regal dignity, intelligent, and self-importance; good-natured and affectionate.
Pomeranian	Extrovert; intelligent, vivacious (lively) spirit; great companion.
Poodle (Toy)	Proud carriage, active, intelligent, air of distinction and dignity, should not be shy or sharp.
Pug	Even-tempered, stable, playful, charming, dignified, outgoing and loving.
Shih Tzu	Outgoing, happy, affectionate, friendly and trusting. Also: playful.
Silky Terrier	Keenly alert, quick, friendly, responsive, should not be shy or nervous. Joy of life.
Toy Fox Terrier	Alert, friendly, eager to please, confident, not easily intimidated; animated, comical, entertaining, playful.
Yorkshire Terrier	Standard says: "Affectionate, sprightly, tomboyish." Tomboyish is active/energetic, sprightly is full of energy.



## Herding Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
<b>Australian Cattle Dog</b>	Protective; guardian to stock and people, suspicious of strangers but must be amenable to handling.
<b>Australian Shepherd</b>	Intelligent, even disposition, good natured, reserved in initial meetings; should not be shy fearful or aggressive.
<b>Bearded Collie</b>	Devoted, intelligent, stable, confident, should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Beauceron</b>	Self-assured, reserved with strangers but gentle and fearless; should not be fearful or show unjustified aggression.
<b>Belgian Laekenois</b>	Affectionate, alert, intelligent, courage, devotion to master, observant w/ strangers, watchful; should not be fearful, shy or vicious.
<b>Belgian Malinois</b>	Confident, not shy or aggressive in new situations, may be reserved with strangers but affectionate with own family, protective .
<b>Belgian Sheepdog</b>	Friendly, affectionate, courageous, alert, protective, watchful, attentive, should not be aggressive, fearful or shy.
<b>Belgian Tervuren</b>	Confident, affectionate, friendly, observant, vigilant with strangers. Not apprehensive, fearful, shy or aggressive.
<b>Bergamasco Sheepdog</b>	Strong protective instinct, guard, naturally stubborn, will persevere until task is complete. Courageous but not aggressive.
<b>Berger Picard</b>	Confident, alert, even-tempered, aloof with strangers but not timid or nervous. Should not be aggressive.
<b>Border Collie</b>	Intelligent, intense worker, alert, affectionate but reserved with strangers. Should not be shy, fearful or resentful.
<b>Bouvier des Flandres</b>	Equable (even-tempered), steady, fearless, guardian and protector. Should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Briard</b>	Fearless, not timid, intelligent, faithful, gentle, guards home and master; reserved with strangers; independent.
<b>Canaan Dog</b>	Alert, docile with family, aloof with strangers, territorial, natural guardian. Very vocal. Should not be shy.
<b>Cardigan Welsh Corgi</b>	Even-tempered, loyal, affectionate, adaptable. Should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Collie</b>	Intelligent, friendly, devoted, loving, sensitive; easily trained.
<b>Entlebucher Mountain Dog</b>	Confident, intelligent, may be reserved with strangers; lively and responsive to owner. Should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Finnish Lapphund</b>	Active and watchful when working, strong startle reflex with quick recovery, courageous, calm, friendly but can appear aloof.
<b>German Shepherd Dog</b>	Fearless, confident, aloof with strangers. Quietly stands ground, eager and alert, should not be timid or nervous.
<b>Icelandic Sheepdog</b>	Gives visitors an enthusiastic welcome, cheerful, friendly, inquisitive, playful and unafraid, confident & lively.
<b>Miniature American Shepherd</b>	Enthusiastic and persistent worker, reserved with strangers but not shy, protective but good natured, devoted and loyal.
<b>Norwegian Buhund</b>	Confident, alert, lively, and very affectionate with people.
<b>Old English Sheepdog</b>	Adaptable, intelligent, gentle, even disposition. Should not be aggressive, shy or nervous.
<b>Pembroke Welsh Corgi</b>	Bold but kind, affectionate, smart, alert. Should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Polish Lowland Sheepdog</b>	Confident, clever, loyal but aloof and suspicious of strangers. Should not be nervous, cowardly or aggressive.
<b>Puli</b>	Affectionate, intelligent, sensibly suspicious, excellent watchdog. Should not be shy or timid.
<b>Pumi</b>	Lively, alert, intelligent, bold, ready for duty; reserved with strangers.
<b>Pyrenean Shepherd</b>	Intelligent, adaptable, very attached to owner, enthusiastic, affectionate with family but distrustful of strangers.
<b>Shetland Sheepdog</b>	Affectionate, responsive to owner, reserved towards strangers. Should not be fearful, shy or timid.
<b>Spanish Water Dog</b>	Lively, hard-working, watchful, intelligent, protective. Not timid or shy, but suspicious of strangers; affectionate with family.
<b>Swedish Vallhund</b>	Watchful, energetic, fearless, alert, intelligent, friendly. Eager to please, sound temperament. Neither aggressive nor shy.

## Non-Sporting Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard

Breed	Temperament
American Eskimo Dog	Playful, perky, smart, alert, friendly, protective but does not threaten to bite, eager to please.
Bichon Frise	Gentle mannered, sensitive, playful, affectionate, a cheerful attitude is a hallmark of the breed.
Boston Terrier	Friendly, lively, excellent disposition, very intelligent.
Bulldog	Equable (even-tempered), kind, courageous, pacific (peaceful), dignified. Not aggressive.
Chinese Shar-Pei	Alert, intelligent, dignified, independent, standoffish with strangers, calm & confident.
Chow Chow	Independent, dignified, intelligent, reserved & discerning with strangers. Should not be timid or aggressive.
Coton de Tulear	Happy, stable, sociable with humans and dogs, adaptable. Also: calm, gentle, intelligent, easygoing.
Dalmatian	Stable, outgoing, dignified. Should not be shy.
Finnish Spitz	Active, friendly, lively, eager, faithful, brave but cautious. Should not be shy or aggressive.
French Bulldog	Well behaved, adaptable, affectionate, even disposition, active, alert, playful. Not unduly boisterous.
Keeshond	Outgoing, friendly with people & dogs, lively, intelligent, affectionate, Should not be timid or aggressive.
Lhasa Apso	Gay, assertive; chary (means the same as wary) of strangers. Also: confident and smart.
Löwchen	Alert, intelligent, affectionate; lively, outgoing and inquisitive. Loving companion dog.
Norwegian Lundehund	Alert, energetic, loyal, protective; can be wary of strangers but should never be aggressive towards people.
Poodle (Miniature & Standard)	Proud, very active, intelligent, dignified, should not be shy or sharp.
Schipperke	Curious, interested in environment, watchdog, reserved with strangers, protective if necessary, confident.
Shiba Inu	Bold, good natured, dignified; independent, reserved towards strangers, affectionate to family.
Tibetan Spaniel	Gay, assertive, highly intelligent, aloof w/strangers, should not be nervous.
Tibetan Terrier	Intelligent, sensitive, loyal, devoted, affectionate. May be cautious or reserved but should not be shy.
Xoloitzcuintli	Calm, tranquil, aloof, attentive. Also: loyal and alert.



# FSS Breeds

## Part 2

Part 2 of this guide includes the breed temperament descriptions for FSS (Foundation Stock Service) breeds. AKC created the FSS record-keeping service to allow rare breed fanciers to continue their commitment to the improvement of their breed.

FSS is a requirement for fanciers of a breed who want to achieve full AKC recognition. FSS breeds may compete in AKC Family Dog and Companion and Performance events that AKC determines to be applicable.

## **FSS Sporting Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
<b>Bracco Italiano</b>	Affectionate, intelligent, enthusiastic, docile, easy to train.
<b>Braque du Bourbonnais</b>	Affectionate, gentle, adaptable, kind.
<b>Braque Francais Pyrenean</b>	Friendly, smart, willing to please, should not be aggressive or overly shy.
<b>Deutscher Wachtelhund</b>	Friendly, determined, assured, should not be nervous or aggressive.
<b>Drentsche Patrijshond</b>	Loyal, intelligent, gentle, sensitive, adaptable, can be reserved, should not be fearful.
<b>French Spaniel</b>	Gentle, sociable, intelligent, calm, docile, sociable with other dogs.
<b>German Longhaired Pointer</b>	Versatile, calm, family oriented, easily trained, good natured.
<b>Portuguese Pointer</b>	Affectionate, smart, energetic, calm, sociable, kind.
<b>Pudelpointer</b>	Friendly, smart, willing to please, calm, even tempered, should not be shy or aggressive.
<b>Slovakian Wirehaired Pointer</b>	Obedient, easy to train, should not be aggressive or shy.
<b>Small Munsterlander</b>	Intelligent, devoted, self-confident, alert, friendly, stead character.
<b>Stabyhoun</b>	Intelligent, responsive, loving, independent, affectionate, can be head strong. Reserved but should not be afraid.
<b>Wetterhoun</b>	Loyal, Intelligent, Good-Natured, can be head stron, reserved with strangers.

## **FSS Hound Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
American Leopard Hound	Sociable, energetic, intelligent, affectionate w/ family, protective of others.
Basset Fauve de Bretagne	Smart, cheerfulm courageous, intelligent, affectionate, sociable, eager to please.
Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound	Reserved w/ strangers, calm, devoted, self-assured, biddable, should not be shy or aggressive.
Carolina Dog	Loyal, independent, reserved with strangers.
Drever	Even tempered, determined, affectionate, sweet, good w/ other dogs, notshy or aggressive.
Hamiltonstovare	Versatile, friendly, even-tempered, should not be aggressive or overly shy.
Hanoverian Scenthound	Loyal, independent, calm, sensitive w/ owner, discerning with strangers, assured.
Mountain Cur	Intelligent, strong willed, reserved w/ strangers, courageous.
Norbottenspets	Self-confident, fearless, attentive, calm, kind, should not be shy, nervous, or aggressive.
Peruvian Inca Orchid	Affectionate with family, loyal, smart, lievely, alert, wary of strangers.
Porcelaine	Independent, energetic, loves family, should not be aggressive or overly shy.
Portuguese Podengo	Affectionate, independent, alert, intelligent, lively, playfulm should not be aggressive or shy.
Segugio Italiano	Friendly, intelligent, eager to please, steady temperament, not very outgoing.
Slovensky Kopov	Courageous, alert, determined, hardworking, should not be aggressive or overly shy.
Taiwan Dog	Faithful, loyal, intelligent, bold, fearless, keen in senses, alert.
Thai Ridgeback	Loyal, independent, highly intelligent, tough and active.
Transylvanian Hound	Courageous, good natured, determined, brave, quiet but can be lively.
Treeing Tennessee Brindle	Friendly, alert, intelligent, great scenting and hunting ability.

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## **FSS Terrier Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
Jagdterrier	Courageous, intelligent, sociable, trainable, full of temperament, takes pleasure in work, neither shy or aggressive.
Japanese Terrier	Independent, Curious, spirited, lively
Teddy Roosevelt Terrier	Playful, versatile, intelligent, friendly, affectionate, bold, kind, alert, easily trained, can be reserved with strangers.

## **FSS Working Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
American Bulldog	Friendly, loyal, self-confident.
Bohemian Shepherd	Loving family dog, intelligent, devotedm alert, fast reactions, not nervous.
Broholmer	Friendly yet watchful, loving, calm, good tempered, self confident.
Caucasian Shepherd Dog	Fearless, bold, kind, steady, self-confident, independent.
Central Asian Shepherd Dog	Independent, courageous, self-confident, self-assured, quiet, fearless.
Czechoslovakian Vicak	Alert, intelligent, loyal, docile but quick reactions, lively, fearless, courageous, loyal to owner, can be suspicious of strangers.
Danish-Swedish Farm Dog	Energetic, trainable, attentive, alert, lively, should not be aggressive or overly shy.
Estrela Mountain Dog	Brave, alert, intelligent, loyal companion to shepherds, flock guardian, docile to master, may be distrustful of strangers.
Hokkaido	Dignified, alert, devoted, docile, faithful, bold.
Hovawart	Alert, faithful, intelligent, kind, even disposition, self-confident, protective instinct.
Kai Ken	Loyal, agile, keen, intelligent, quick learner, independent, devoted, very alert.
Karelian Bear Dog	Loyal, independent, courageous, persistent, self-confident, may be reserved, not aggressive.
Kishu Ken	Faithful, noble, docile, very alert.
Perro de Presa Canario	Self-confident, calm, strong-willed, a little distant, docile with family but can be suspicious of strangers, suited to guarding stock.
Pyrenean Mastiff	Gentle, brave, noble, calm, intelligent, courageous, independent, livestock guard dog, loving of family.
Rafeiro de Alentjo	Confident, calm, livestock protector, should not be aggressive or shy.
Romanian Mioritic Shepherd Dog	Loyal, independent, confident guardian, calm, stable, courageous, may be wary of strangers.
Shikoku	Energetic, highly alert, enthusiastic, keen in senses, docile toward master, enthusiastic hunter.
Spanish Mastiff	Intelligent, affectionate, kind, determined, protective of farms and livestock.
Tornjak	Steady, friendly, courageous, obedient, intelligent, self-confident, calm, devoted to master, may eb suspicious of strangers.
Tosa	Fearless, vigilant, bold, courageous, has patience, tranquil, quiet, obedient, composed, can be a watchdog.
Yakutain Laika	Affectionate, intelligent, active, bold, friendly, sociable, can be temperamental.

## **FSS Toy Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
<b>Bolognese</b>	Playful, easy going, devoted, calm, faithful, loves people, serene, generally not active.
<b>Russian Toy</b>	Smart, charming, active, cheerful, intelligent, desire to please, can be aloof to strangers, should not be timid or aggressive.
<b>Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka</b>	Playful, sweet, loving, charming, inquisitive, intelligent, friendly, willing to please.
<b>Volpino Italiano</b>	Playful, perky, smart, alert, friendly, protective but does not threaten to bite, eager to please.



## **FSS Herding Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
<b>Appenzeller Sennenhunde</b>	Agile, lively, trainable, willing, self-assured, fearless, slightly suspicious of strangers, will watch/guard house and family.
<b>Australian Kelpie</b>	Loyal, alert, intelligent, eager, tractable, outgoing, friendly, should not be cowardly.
<b>Australian Stumpy-Tail Cattle Dog</b>	Alert, trainable, comical, watchful, obedience, may be suspicious of strangers, natural working aptitude.
<b>Barbado da Terceira</b>	Intelligent, Loyal, joyful and fun loving,
<b>Bohemian Shepherd</b>	Friendly, devoted, alert and intelligent, lively with nervousnes.
<b>Catahoula Leopard Dog</b>	Loyal, independent, watchful, serious while working, affectionate, gentle & playful at home, can be territorial and protective.
<b>Croatian Sheepdog</b>	Loyal, active, alert, intelligent, brave, self-reliant & devoted to owner, courageous, easy to train, should not be aggressive or nervous.
<b>Dutch Shepherd</b>	Intelligent, lively, independent, can be obstinate w/ mind of own, alert, watchful, should not know fear, shyness or be vicious.
<b>Lancashire Heeler</b>	Affectionate, intelligent, alert, friendly, courageous, happy.
<b>Lapponian Herder</b>	Energetic, friendly, intelligent, docile, calm, problem solver, loves family- may be aloof with strangers, willing to serve.
<b>Mudi</b>	Loyal protector but not aggressive, intelligent, alert, biddable, adaptable, sensibly suspicious, enthusiastic about work.
<b>Portuguese Sheepdog</b>	Intelligent, devoted to master and herd but wary of strangers, lively.
<b>Schapendoes</b>	Friendly, watchful, lively, cheerful, funny, clever, brave, good family pets, attentive, courageous, intelligent, desire to please.
<b>Slovensky Cuvac</b>	Courageous, alert, faithful, protective/guard dog for livestock.
<b>Swedish Lapphund</b>	Playful, intelligent, lively, alert, kind, affectionate, easy to train, willing to work.
<b>Working Kelpie</b>	Alert, eager, intelligent, friendly, devoted to work, should not be nervousm high excitable or aggressive.

## **FSS Non-Sporting Group - Temperament as Described in AKC Breed Standard**

Breed	Temperament
Alaskan Klee Kai	Intelligent, Vigilant, loyal, Curious and talkative, reserved with strangers.
Eurasier	Confident, calm, family-oriented, loyal to family-reserved with strangers, alert, self-assured, even tempered.
German Spitz	Devoted, lively, attentive, very trainable, may be distrustful or strangers, watchdog for house and farm.
Japanese Akitainu	Dignified, Alert, Reserved, self-confident, loyal to family-reserved with strangers.
Japanese Spitz	Loyal, playful, smart, intelligent, cheerful, keen in sense.
Jindo	Alert, intelligent, bold, brave, watchful, discerning guardian, faithful to master, may not be fond of other dogs.
Kromfohrlander	Intelligent, sensitive, reserved with strangers, good natured, trainable, funny, should not be aggressive.