

The Rottweiler



The Rottweiler Breed Standard & Heritage



Did you know the Rottweiler was bred as a herding/ Cart dog for the Butchers of Rottweil?

**Country of origin- Germany
Approximate Rottweiler Life Span 10 -12 Years**

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY - The Rottweiler is considered to be one of the oldest breeds of dog. Its origin goes back to Roman times. These dogs were kept as herder or driving dogs. They marched over the Alps with the Roman legions, protecting the humans and driving their cattle. In the region of Rottweil, these dogs met and mixed with the native dogs in a natural crossing.

The main task of the Rottweiler now became the driving and guarding of the herds of cattle and the defence of their masters and their property. This breed acquired its name from the old free city of Rottweil, and became known as the "Rottweil butchers dog". The butchers bred this type of dog purely for performance and usefulness. In due course, a first rate watch and driving dog evolved which could be used as a draught dog.

When, at the beginning of the twentieth century, various breeds were needed for police service, the Rottweiler was amongst those tested. It soon became evident that the breed was highly suitable for the tasks set by the police service and therefore they were officially recognised as police dogs in 1910.

GENERAL APPEARANCE - The Rottweiler is a medium to large size, stalwart dog, neither heavy nor light and neither leggy or weedy. His correctly proportioned, compact and powerful build leads to the conclusion of great strength, agility and endurance.



CHARACTERISTICS - Rottweiler breeders aim at a dog of abundant strength, black coated with clearly defined rich tan markings, whose powerful appearance does not lack nobility and which is exceptionally well suited to being a Companion, Service and Working dog.

TEMPERAMENT Being good natured, placid in basic disposition and fond of children, he is very devoted, obedient, biddable and eager to work. His appearance is natural and rustic, his behaviour self assured, steady and fearless. He reacts to his surroundings with great alertness



Is a Rottweiler the dog for you?



SIZE - That Cute Puppy will grow into a large, strong adult
Height at withers for **males** is 61-68 cm (24-26 * ins)
61-62 cm is small, 63-64 cm is medium height
65-66 cm is large -correct height, 67-68 cm is very large
Weight approximately 50 kg (110lbs)

Height at withers for **bitches** is 56-63 cm (22-25 ins)
56-57 cm is small, 58-59 cm is medium height
60-61 cm is large -correct height, 62-63 cm is very large
Weight approximately 42 kg (95 lbs)
The approximate weights vary and should be considered in relation to size.

Hereditary Diseases
Hip and Elbow Dysplasia, Entropion, Ectropion
All Registered Rottweiler Breeders are required to supply Hip, Elbow and Eye certificates for Sire and Dam before breeding to help reduce the instances of the above hereditary conditions. A Mouth Certificate is also required certifying a scissor bite and that there are no missing teeth.

Rottweilers need Physical and Mental Exercise
The Rottweiler is an active, intelligent breed that needs physical as well as mental exercise to thrive. A versatile breed that is highly trainable with a natural willingness to please, The Rottweiler can enjoy a variety of activities such as but not limited too Obedience, Tracking, Carting, Herding, Assistance Work, Swimming and often makes a great Running companion.

The Rottweiler is not a breed for everyone. They require a strong, firm but fair leader
The Rottweiler requires a yard with good 6ft fencing and should never be left in an environment without stimulation. This is not a breed to be chained up or thrown into a backyard and forgotten. Being a strong breed the Rottweiler requires an owner that is firm but fair with a commonsense approach to early socialization and training.

- ❖ The Rottweiler has great strength, mentally and physically, therefore is not suited for frail or weak people.
- ❖ The Rottweiler is not suitable for nervous, easily intimidated people as they need a strong leader that they will respect.
- ❖ The Rottweiler is a working dog that needs plenty of exercise. If your lifestyle suggests that you have little time to exercise and train your dog then a Rottweiler is not for you.
- ❖ If you are just looking for an alarm system to leave in your yard then a Rottweiler is not for you.

The Wash & Wear Dog
The Rottweiler is easy to maintain with a good brush to stimulate oils and rid dropping coat once a week, checking ears and nails at this time, and a bath when needed. Being black they can suffer in the sun and should have plenty of shade and water available at all times. Don't exercise your rottweiler in the hottest part of the day in summer, wait until it is cooler to prevent heat stress which can be fatal to dogs.



For more information about the Rottweiler



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