





Meet Your Match!





An Entirely New Way to Choose the Right Dog

Which type of dog best matches your personality? You might be surprised...

<i>Choose a profile from this column that best matches your personality</i>	<i>Consider dogs with these characteristics We'll tell you why</i>
EXTREME MAKEOVER	
<p>You enjoy the creative process. You like to transform houses, decorate rooms and make over your friends. People say you have a good eye—you can see a hidden gem that others miss. You watch HGTV or What Not To Wear.</p>	<p>A Cinderella story is for you—making over a dog that has been neglected or looks pitiful, helping it to become the beautiful dog it was meant to be. You will enjoy the process of watching your shy dog transform into a playful, comfortable dog—or seeing an ugly duckling turn into a swan. And, you'll love showing the before and after videos to your friends!</p>
HANG WITH ME—BUT NOT TOO CLOSE	
<p>You like companionship, but you also like your space. You want a friend to hang with you while you listen to music or sit with you while you work on your computer. But, you don't want your attention constantly diverted by someone asking to be petted (well, at least not your dog☺).</p>	<p>Go for an independent dog that likes to be with you, but doesn't need to sit ON you. You need one that doesn't expect you to play fetch all the time. Your ideal dog will be happy to either sit at your feet or beside you, but won't care about being picked up and babied. Your perfect dog just wants to be your loyal friend.</p>
NURTURER	
<p>You like to take care of others and enjoy feeling needed. You mean it when you ask, "how are you?" You always have aspirin in case someone needs it. Perhaps your kids have left home and you no longer have to attend to the daily needs of parenting, but you enjoy using your parenting skills. Or, you love taking care of a large family—the more the merrier.</p>	<p>Consider helping a dog with special needs—you are capable of this, and you would find it rewarding and satisfying. Or consider helping a shy or fearful dog to begin to trust people again. You have a soft spot in your heart for an older dog that needs love and comfort. You will love seeing how your dog thrives on your nurturing program.</p>
PROJECT MANAGER	
<p>You don't even have to volunteer to be the leader—it just ends up that way most of the time. You see what needs to be done and cannot resist rolling up your sleeves to get to work. You just naturally assume others want to help and start handing out assignments. You know how to get things done and have a natural discipline.</p>	<p>You can tame a tiger. You would enjoy transforming a rambunctious fluff-ball with maybe not the best manners into an obedient creature that comes when you call, that can do tricks and generally become well behaved. It takes leadership to tame these little tigers—but for a project manager, it's just the ticket to give you that jolt of satisfaction when your new charge is behaving as you like.</p>

LONE STAR

Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso Rescue of Texas

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<p>CELEBRATE—MARCH TO YOUR OWN DRUM!</p> <p>You love to celebrate and find an excuse to make a festive occasion. You plan fun for your friends and even for just yourself. People are comfortable at your house and you don't worry too much about every little thing when you entertain. You are not defined by who you are with and march to your own drum. You are not concerned with the outward appearance of your friends and certainly not your canine companions.</p>	<p>Choose a dog based on personality—not looks. You would enjoy one that has a goofiness that will make you and your friends laugh. Or, you would see the character in a disabled dog that gets around fine in spite of his disability. A dog that is not afraid of meeting new people will be best for your lifestyle. You will want to invest the time to teach your dog good manners so you can allow him to stay close even while you are entertaining.</p> 
<p>NESTER</p> <p>You make your home into the perfect environment for you. You don't want to be pressured to go out every night—you enjoy your house, your TV, your music or books. You probably have invested in home-workout equipment and might like gardening and cooking. Whatever your pursuits, home is your favorite place to be.</p>	<p>Your dog needs to fit into the environment you are creating at home. Consider this—is it fun or annoying to have two dogs playing chase around your house? Do you want to spend time playing with a young, active dog? Would you like to train a dog to run on the treadmill while you work out in your home gym? Would you like a sweet, calm dog that will sit with you while you read and be quiet while you do yoga?</p> 
<p>DEPEND ON ME</p> <p>You are a rock—you are there for others. You give to your boss, to your community, to your friends. You are a person others count on, but sometimes you get taken for granted. You find it hard to find the time to do everything expected of you. It would be nice to have someone to love and appreciate you just because you are you—with no strings attached.</p>	<p>You will enjoy a dog that is not needy and won't demand too much attention—one that just wants to be with you. Your ideal dog would receive a pat here and there and get good food twice a day. In exchange, your dog will make sure you are never alone, always be a true and loyal friend, but not ask much in return.</p> 
<p>NATURE BUFF</p> <p>You are interested in holistic and organic living. You make your own granola. You understand what a "raw diet" means. You appreciate the outdoors and experiencing nature. You like to shop at Whole Foods Market and online for homeopathic remedies.</p>	<p>You would be great at helping a dog with special nutritional needs. You would gain satisfaction from seeing an overweight dog become sleek and slim, or seeing a dog with a drab coat become shiny and silky. Just be careful—you and your dog may start to look alike!</p> 
<p>HUMANITARIAN</p> <p>You are touched to the core when you hear about animals being mistreated. You have love in your heart for all these little creatures but you are not sure how to help.</p>	<p>You are a perfect Lone Star Volunteer! You might enjoy being a foster parent, or you could help transport rescued fur-balls. Maybe you have marketing, organizational or computer skills that could help a few more dogs find their own forever home. We can use you!</p> 