

Choosing a Perfect Name for Your Dog

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Introduction

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.-Book of Proverbs

..... “How do I name my dog?”
..... “What should I name my Dog?”
..... “Is that name good for my dog?”

This is probably the biggest dilemma and confusion faced by dog owners around the world. Dog is a curious creature and a loving one as well! It accepts with a sense of meekness whatever you call him, be it a human name or even an abstract name. Finding a good name for your puppy is not that easy! Most of us tend to name our dog the first name that pops up in our mind! But, is the name that we select for our dog, really good?



Dogs have their own their mind and they act according to their intuitions and nervous impulse. Dog's behavior is also interrelated to the level of discipline and behavior training that you provide him. Dog's name is a perfect tool to initiate your puppy to start listening to your commands and instructions. Dogs may never understand whether the name that is given to him is good or not. But, they can respond very well to the name that is given to them.

What is a dog's name? Though we know that your dog accepts whatever the name you give him, why do dog owners are so much attached to pet dog names? It happens everywhere, in all countries of the world. Dog lovers are too much attached to their pets and this blind love and affection, has resulted in them calling their pets by different names. In fact, naming a puppy with a good name is perceived to be a big event among family members. There may even be a fierce competition among the family members to name the puppy with their own choices!

Naming a dog isn't that easy! Naming a pet dog used to be very simple! This was years ago! Lovely Dalmatians were addressed as Spot or Dot, while whitish pups were called Whity or Milky! Black dogs were called Blacky and Fido! Dogs were assigned a definite place in the family hierarchy, which was very low in the ladder. Names were really “namesake” and it was pure convenience as well.

But, with the advent of closely-knit family structures in the town and cities, things started changing furiously. Pet dogs have become really pets now! Dog owners really love their dogs. All family members of a family get cozy with their pet dogs! Dogs have also climbed up the hierarchy ladder and occupy a prime place in a family structure. Dogs are also considered as very close members of the family.

With the changing scenarios and realities, dogs are also accorded a prime place in the social circles. Dog names are carefully chosen with a lot of painstaking research and efforts. Dog names are also increasingly becoming personal and affectionate. More often,

dog owners tend to name their dog with names that are human names in nature. Recent surveys suggest that an astonishingly 60% of all dog names are human names! With so much attention being given to naming a dog, people tend to get really confused in the process. This little naming guide will help you know the secrets of naming a pet dog and also the method to choose the best name for your pet dog.

There are several reasons why people tend to name their dog with very affectionate names. Here are some ideas and reasons why dogs are named with loving names and tags:

- With a very good name, you and your family members are more likely to get much closer with the canine pet,
- When you call your dog with a loving name, your dog becomes more friendlier to you and your family members,
- When dogs are called with a very good name, they tend to establish a personal rapport with their owner.
- When pet dogs are addressed with a good name, they tend to respond quicker to their master's commands and instructions,
- Dogs tend to get emotional, when they are lovingly called by their owners,

Dog owners have always been imaginative and innovative when it comes to giving names to their pets. With the advent of time, the range of possible names will increase to accommodate the needs. As a result, people tend to look out and search for new and innovative names on a consistent basis.



However, the name that you choose for your pet dog says much about your own personality and your inclination towards everything that is animals. The name that you select for your dog also says much about your dog as well! It also establishes the degree of the relationship that exists between you and your dog.

Do you know that some names can cause your guests to judge and evaluate your dog and react either, positively or negatively, when coming in contact with it? Ultimately, you have the ultimate responsibility of naming your pet dog so that it can convey a proper and positive image to other people.

When you name you dog with a good name, it will:

- Draw people's attention and help create a positive atmosphere,
- Build mutual trust and fidelity between the dog and the people,
- Help and assist people call your dog in an affectionate manner, as you would do yourself.

- Dispel fear and fright of facing a strange dog; as you call a dog by its name, even the scariest of all strange dogs will start wagging its tail, even just for a moment!
- Help create a good equation between the family members and the pet,
- Make your pet dog feel proud and respectful of its own behavior and mannerisms,
- Your pet dog earns its own place among your family members and society in general.

History of Dog Names

Just take a look at these famous names!

- Argos, Odysseus's pet dog
- Anubis, Ancient Egyptian god that is endowed with a dog's head
- Barghest, English goblin-dog of yesteryears
- Black Shuck, British hound of hell and hellish in nature!
- Bran Fionn mac, Cumhail's hound of ancient Irish origin
- Cabal, King Arthur's famous dog
- Canis Major, (Latin for "Big Dog") Orion's hunting dog of ancient mythology
- Canis is Minor, (Latin for "Little Dog") Orion's hunting dog of ancient mythology
- Canes Venatici, Latin for "hunting dogs" a well-known constellation of the hunting dogs
- Cereberus (demon of the deep pit), the famous hound of Hades in the ancient Greek mythology
- Fenris, a monstrous sized wolf dog, an offspring of Loki and Angrboda in Norse mythology
- Gabriel Hounds, ghost, vicious hounds of the land of the dead
- Garm, a four-eyed dog that guarded the famed Helheim in Norse mythology
- Hecuba, the Queen of Troy, turned into a fierce and violent dog
- Laika, The first dog to travel in space.
- Le Diable, A notorious French dog that smuggled goods across the French border
- Qiqirn, in Inuit mythology
- Suar, or Suening, A dog that was pronounced as the "king" of Norway for three long years during the 11th century AD.
- Sirius, in Greek mythology, and star in Canis Major
- Soter, One of 50 well-known watchdogs of ancient Greece, that alone survived the onslaught by invaders
- Xolotl, in Aztec mythology

What is common with all the above mentioned names? These are some of the most famous dog names in the history of mankind. There have been famous dogs with equally

meaningful names throughout the ages. Dog names have given us stories of valor, character, goodness, courage, compassion, protection and myths. Throughout the mankind history, there have been incidences of famous dog names and their equally famous owners. Past records of history have shown us that man has been naming the dog for as long duration as they had raised them. Available archeological records also show us that dogs were given many meaningful names. Dogs were also considered as very close animals that definitely needed a good sounding name.

No race or people were as imaginative as those great Egyptians, who had some of the best breeds of dogs, either in the royal courts or in peasant homes. Egyptians also had a very good common-sense while naming their dogs. Ancient Egyptians named their pet dogs by taking leaves of inspiration from the nature and myths. Several artifacts and hidden treasures like leather collars and relief were recovered from the archeological sites and these invaluable records have revealed how well and efficiently Egyptians named their dog.

Some of the dog names of ancient Egyptian era included Brave, Reliable, Courage, Good Guard, Good Herdsman, Lazy, Useless and Courageous. On the other hand, available inscriptions also provide names based on the dog's appearance and looks. These names included Blue, Red, Snow, Black and Brown! Some dogs were given names based on their heirarchy in a particular home; dogs were named according to their age and seniority, like Six, Seven and Ten! Most of the dog names were based on the closeness with the owner, dog's abilities and characters. On the other hand, the most famous constellation in the entire zodiac, Canis Major and Canis Minor, provide a useful outlook on how the dogs were treasured in the ancient civilizations. Soter was the famous dog name in the glorious Greek civilization, as it was the only dog that survived a vicious onslaught by invaders! Hades owned a dog called Cereberus at his side!

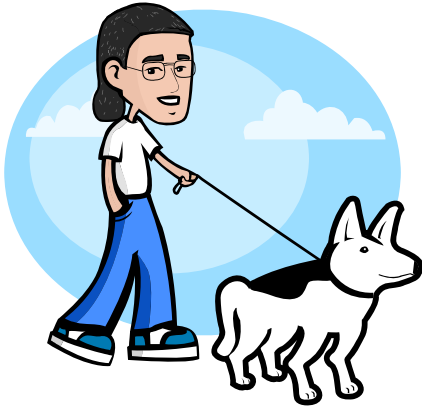
All most all civilizations, kingdoms, localities and principalities of the yesteryears owed dogs with different names that ranged from very simple two syllable utterances to more complex names that were adapted from mythology and nature. Odysseus was a great character in Homer's legendary Odyssey, who has a dog named Agros, meaning a faithful dog! King Arthur owned a wonderful dog named Cabal. Ancient Norway and pet dogs always had a very close and affable relationship; just look at those famous dogs like Fenris (a Norse mythical dog), Garm (a four eyed dog again of Norse Myth) and Suar (the only dog that was coroneted as a king!).

Naming a dog has always been a tough job. Probably, this is the reason why ancient people always insisted on naming their dogs based on nature and myth. Strangely, all these famous dogs could be identified only by their name and nothing else! It is so easy to remember that legendary dog Leica (Russian animal astronaut!) because of its name. An obscure street dog became famous with in a fortnight, when she was named Leica specifically for the upcoming deep space expedition. History has regarded pet dogs as someone who is very close to us and this close equation always ended in us naming them with very sweet sounding and loving names!

What is in a Dog's Name?

Naming a dog has become a tough challenge and a critical need, as the number of people who own a dog is increasing day by day. All of us wish to name our dog with a name that is not only unique but also very sweet, affectionate and meaningful. As we call out dogs with a lovely name, we feel immensely happy, contented and satisfied.

What is in a dog's name?



People may ask why there is such a hue and cry over naming a dog. After a dog is just another animal, just like any other! This seems to be a wrong perception when you consider the position and hierarchy of a pet dog. Dog is a perfect social animal that can comprehend and understand people's feelings, moods and emotions. In fact, they are quicker than most of us in understanding and sorting out emerging situations and scenarios.

A good name is a mandatory requirement for your pet dog. By naming your dog with a good name, you are automatically providing it a place that is very close to your heart. When you name your dog, you're also projecting your dog's wonderful personality to the outside world. By naming your dog with an innovative name, you're also demonstrating to the world just how intelligent and smart you are.

Here are some strange facts about dog's name:

- You're more likely to repeat the name of your dog more than 50,000 times in your lifetime,
- It is also true that a dog will wag its tail, as many times as you call him by his name!
- There are more than 500 web portals that deal exclusively with dog names,
- More than 25,000 requests are made everyday on these web sites, just to find a good name for pet dogs,
- Naming a dog is as important as naming a baby (if not more), and people are quite mad about naming their puppies. More often, it is also a social event!

Even a puppy needs the right type of name to live its life, a perfect name that best fits his mannerisms, his personality or even his behavior. A puppy or an adult will be addressed by its name, just as a kid who is affectionately addressed by his or her name. The name that we use to call our kids is always very short and sweet, more often so short that it is limited to two or three syllables. Likewise, dogs also need short and crisp names.

There are so many meanings hidden in a dog's name that we simply can't comprehend its importance at a cursory glance. Your dog's name should not be too complex or difficult

to pronounce and understand, nor should it sound like other people's names or those stern commands. In fact, some people believe that dog names can severely affect the way we believe and act in our daily life. On the flipside, many people simply assume that naming their kids with some really meaningful dog names like Fidelity and Obedience, may help them live a life full of principles and integrity.

Choosing a name for your dog is an important need and a critical decision. You should act responsibly while naming your dog, because it invariably displays your characters of originality as well as creativity.

When you decide to name your dog with a particular name, it will also provide you information and details like:

- There is a deep factor of compassion and affection in a dog's name. As you get deeply passionate with your pup, you'll also feel immensely proud with it.
- A dog's name is an identification tag that can identify its pedigree and breed!
- A dog's name is a keyword for close companionship and friendship. Dog names provide you an unconditional love and affection that can last for many years.

With your dog's name, you can find many other things attached like:

- An urgent need for care and protection,
- To have someone by your side, throughout day and night,
- An earnest desire to nurture and raise a feeling of partnership,
- A hidden command line that can make your dog listen to your words,
- A humane link is established between the canine and society,
- An opportunity for your dog to establish its own identity and charisma,
- An emotional bondage between a pack of different dogs.
- A novel way to express a BIG THANK YOU to the owner,

General Tips to Name your Dog

As the proud and responsible owner of your loving dog, you have the ultimate duty of naming your pup with a good name. Probably, one of the thrilling aspects of naming a dog is that it is entirely up you, how you and your family name your dog. It is also left to your level of imagination and smartness that actually decides, how you decide name and address your dog. Naming your dog is not like the elaborate naming ceremony that is connected to the naming ceremonies of babies. Neither you need to consult many family members nor balance the desires and wishes of your in-laws.



Naming your dog is a combination of smart thinking and personal decisions. It is also a reflection of your tastes, preferences and the basic attitude and character of your dog. Though you're at complete liberty to name and call your dog in any way you want, there are certain ground rules and conditions that you should keep in your mind.

Here are some basic ground rules and prerequisites that guide the normal naming process:

- Always remember that dogs are extremely faithful, loyal, courteous and always true to you and your family members,
- The factor of "faithful" or "faith" must be kept in your mind before you name your dog,
- Your dog is also expected to grow with a lot of self-respect, dignity and esteem. It also deserves its rightful place in your family hierarchy,

All the above factors are unique to dogs only and as a result, you'll need to understand and comprehend these factors to show a keen sense of love and affection to your dog.

Fact: whatever the feelings and regards you have for you dog, one thing is absolutely certain- dog names are meant to be called loud for everyone to hear and understand.

Tip: Always remember that your dog is a public animal and you may need to consider the ultimate factors of "public and social" when naming you dog!

Caution: Never name your dog after your close relatives, friends and colleagues! Naming your child after them is perfectly OK and alright. In fact, you may even unfairly insult and embarrass them, by keeping their name to your dog. It is also considered ungentlemanly and indecent to name your dog with a close relative's name!

The Puppy Factor

Before you name your dog, you will also need to assess carefully, and consider who in your family is going to be the custodian of the dog. Is it you alone? Or is it one of your elder family members? For a change, will it be one of your children, who are going to be the primary person? If you've purchased a puppy for the benefit of your children, then

you may consider naming that pup with a name that is easy to understand and remember by your children. An overtly difficult-to-spell, long name will not work in the future and it may even actually cause unforeseen problems in the future.

Some Tips for Naming Your Puppy

Naming your puppy is the first obvious step towards developing a close bond between you and your dog. There are several ways and methods that are used to name a puppy. Here are some tips and suggestions that will help you in learning, how you can name your puppy:

1. Keep it very short, crisp and sweet. Limit the dog name with in one or two syllable to make it easy for the dog to understand. Long dog names are known to confuse your dog, because lengthy names are incomprehensible to the canine, due to their long strange sounding intonations and wordings.
2. Always end the name with a long sounding vowel. A long vowel will help assist the dog to differentiate the name from its commands and instructions. It will also alert your dog whenever you call him loud by his name.
3. As far as possible use a dog name, instead of a human name. Though dogs are considered close us, we may not wish to get so close, as to name him with one of our own names.
4. Never mix dog commands like "sit", "down", "stay", "come", with names as your dog will start confusing commands with its name. Two examples are: “Bit” and “Sit” or “Fay” and “Stay”.
5. You’re the real master of your dog and you can definitely choose any type of name you want! But make sure that you follow some basic rules of naming your dog.

Though these are the general guidelines, there are no hard and fast rules for naming your dog. Once you put some effort and work, you can always select a good name for your dog. Naming your puppy is perhaps the most important step in its life; naming a pup is as important and as critical, as house breaking or crate training! Ensure that you take the naming process as seriously as possible!

The Name Factor

Dogs always like short, small and crisp commands! Their traits and characters make them easy to understand any name that is short and crisp in nature, be it a name or a series of obedience commands. Dog commands and instructions are always short, clipped and crisp in nature. Likewise, even the dog’s names must be short and sweet.

Most preferably, the name that you choose for your dog must have at the maximum, three syllables. Even when you keep a lengthy name, make sure that you condense it to two or three syllable. Dogs always like names with very short handles and intonations.

The Confusion Factor



Dogs have a bare minimum ability to understand human language. They are known to associate their reflexes and responses with any given situation, based on their previous exposures and responses. Never confuse your dog with a name that resembles one of its obedience and discipline commands! The name that you give to your dog needs to be different and separate from those obedience commands which are used everyday. One fine example is calling your dog as Stacy and using a command line to tell her “stay”!

The Initial Exercise

Never attempt to name your puppy immediately as soon as you bring it to your home. Every dog has its own pedigree character, in-built mannerisms, and behavioral patterns and genetic inclinations. You may also need to keenly watch your new pup with close observation to note down its intrinsic behavior and habits. When you note down its characters and traits, it'll help you to find many meaningful and fitting names for your pup. Ask your family members to observe the new pup and record its behavior for at least a week or two.

The Suitability Factor

Is the name that you provide your pet really suitable? Choose a name that the dog will grow and accustom with for its entire life. The chosen name should be easy to use while calling your dog out and you must also feel happy and contented after addressing your dog.

The Syllable and Alphabet Factor

You may wish to carefully choose the alphabets and syllable that go along with the dog name. Names that are very strong with pronounced consonants coupled with a few syllables work very fine with your dog. The letter “S” seems to be the best letter to be used as far as dog names are considered. Never use too many syllables in your dog name because they may really confuse your dog. Also ensure that the dog names will never resemble none of the standard command and instructions.

Do you have a pre-owned Dog?

If you're the owner of a pre-owned dog or if you have adapted a dog from a dog care shelter, you are likely face some problems while naming the dog. Most probably, they are



already named by their previous owners. Such dogs take their names very seriously and may not accept you naming them again with a different name. Experts recommend that retaining the same name is the most practical and compassionate way to treat the dog. Just remember this axiom: Name is forever and permanent!

General Tips to Name your Dog

Now that you know the basic fundamentals of naming a dog, you can go ahead to name your dog. We have a brief list of hints and tips that are designed to help you out in naming your dog:

Tip: If are intending to call your dog Brandy, just remember how many times that name has been used before! Be different and innovative! Choose a different name that is really different and exciting! There are so many names out there in the world. Be daring and act smart!

Fact: Did you know that you might end up using your dog name (different dogs that come in your lifetime) more than 50,000 times in your life? Spare some breath and conserve some energy by keeping a name that is short and easy to pronounce!

Here are some steps that will help you out in naming your dog:

- ✓ Never ever use a long name for your dog! You're not only making things worse for your dog, but also end up in a big embarrassment in the public.
- ✓ Use two or three syllables for your name. Let the syllables end with a vowel sound.
- ✓ The name that you choose must clearly separate out the name from commands and instructions. Commands are usually a single syllable word, while a general string of communication is a series of words and syllables.
- ✓ Never create confusions in the mind of your dog when naming him,
- ✓ Naming your dog means effective public communication and a way to identify your dog. Be choosy and methodic, while naming your dog so as to prevent public confusions. Never name your dog with very common names, as there are hundreds of dogs with similar names that roam around in your neighborhood park!
- ✓ Invite your kids (if you have) in the naming ceremony. Kids and dogs are always close together and they make a perfect combination of living beings.
- ✓ If possible avoid using name after your close relatives and friends. Seek their permission before naming your dog after them. In fact, they may take it very seriously to see their name being used for pets!
- ✓ Once you name you dog, ensure that you do not change it frequently, especially with older dogs. If at all you're changing its name, ensure that the new sounds are almost similar to the old one.

- ✓ Once you choose a name, run a brief test for a week or two. Most probably, you'll know if the name is good or not within a week.
- ✓ To reinforce the name, provide treats once they start responding to the given name. Dog is quick learner and very good student.

Tips: All puppies have a different mental composition and composure. A few things are always different among different dogs! Such things come very handy while naming your dog!

The Factor of Appearance and Physique



How does your dog look like? What is his personality? How is his disposition and personality trait? Is he overtly very heavy or light? What are his color and personal styles? These important physical characters will help you find a good name for your dog. Observe your dog to notice special character or mannerisms. Check out his behavior very closely for a week or so and name him after a special physical trait.

Being Different!

Nowadays, people tend to be creative as well as innovative while naming their dogs. They may break away from the basics and the convention to choose a name that could be also called “neo”! If you're planning to veer away from those conventional names

and name your dog with a non-conventional name, here are some good tips for you:

- ✓ The latest craze among dog owners is to choose a celebrity name and make minor changes to the wordings. Celebrity names could be anything from actors, actresses, entertainment personalities, politicians, authors and media personalities. In fact, dog owners tend to pick and choose a name of their favorite stars.
- ✓ Another imitation trend that is more common among dog owners is to name their dogs after famous TV dogs. If you want to name your dog after a famous TV dog, just remember those wonderful names such as Dino and Astro!
- ✓ There are several instances when dogs have become an instant hit after acting in a movie! There are so many movies that have been released to project a dog's fidelity and obedience. You can pick up a good name for your dog based on some famous dog movies. However, be different when you choose these names.
- ✓ Children and kids just love to call their dogs after some well-known cartoon dog characters. Who can forget Scooby Doo or Snowy? Ask your children before you name your dog to seek their inputs and ideas.
- ✓ Nothing could be wonderful than naming your dog with high accented and masculine German names! Remember those wonderful dog names- Kaiser or

Fritz? German dog names are just wonderful given their great contribution to the world of dogs.

- ✓ Like German tradition for great dog names, Ireland is also famous for unique dog names. Irish dog names have created a name for themselves and Irish names invoke a feeling of affection and devotion.
- ✓ When you think of foreign dog names, you just can't simply forget many wonderfully accented French dog names! French dog names are as good as the wonderfully balanced French society and its culture!
- ✓ Some people may think of very weird ideas and meanings. Dog owners have the habit of naming their dogs after the names of countries, cities, religion and locality.
- ✓ On the other hand, many dog owners name their dog after great sports and athletics personalities. These names are often the shortened forms of longish, difficult to pronounce foreign names.

Tips: You can log on to internet to search for your favorite dog name. There are hundreds of dog books, journals and magazine on dogs where you can definitely pick up a good name.

Warning: If you've two or more dogs in your home, then it takes a lot of effort and intelligence, to choose a name that does not create confusion among the minds of these dogs. Make sure that the number of syllables between two names are almost similar or ensure that intonation of consonants is entirely different.

Some personality and physical traits to look for while naming your dog

Attitude: Funny, Fearless, Fearful, Frightened, Bold, Courageous, Fickle, Intelligent, Old fashioned, Enterprising, Smart, Cunning, Curious, Inspecting, Hiding, Aggressive, Loving, Goofy, Aloof, Demanding, Cuddling, Playful, Attractive, Bohemian, Smooth, Unintelligent, Sharing, Glutton, Thrifty, Sporty, Well Mannered, Guarding, Protecting,

Physique: Small, Big, Athletic, Fluffy, Thin, Wily, Quick, Huge paws, Long, Short, Tall

Body Color: Fawn, Red, Brown, Black, Red, Steel, Chocolate, Tan, Muffled, Grey, Speckled, Tanned

Fur and Hair: Thick coated, Short coated, Long hair, Hairless, Coiled hair, Curly hair.

Pedigree: European or American, African or Asian, Icelandic or Norge, Arctic or Desert, Pure breed or mix, Kennel club classified or unclassified.

Type of Breed: Working, Herding, Protection, Guarding, Toy, Classic, Military, Sport, Police

Once you identify your dog's inherent behavior and breed character, you can start choosing a suitable name. Finally, name that is chosen should correlate approximately

with the traits and characters of the pup. Or, the name must represent the classic behavioral pattern of your dog.

Call name or Nick name?

Many pure bred dogs are named with a long registered name. However, it may be little awkward to address this purebred dog with its long name. In fact, a long name is not suitable for everyday purposes and, you'll need to shorten the long name into a brief call name. Call names work wonderfully in any given situations.



On the other hand, you can also call your dog with its favorite nick name. Though there is not much to differentiate between a call name and a nick name, you may wish to think carefully to select a name that best fits your dog.

Human Names and Dogs

Human names are getting increasingly common while naming a pet dog. However, never offend people by naming your dog after them.

How to register a dog name?

A registering society may not authorize dog's name, if it is found to duplicate some other registered name. It may also reject the dog's name, if they feel that it is unsuitable. There are also many restrictions regarding the number of letters that are used in the name or the number of syllables in the name. You must follow all protocols and regulations while registering your dog with a canine society.

Most Popular Dog Names

For a number of years, dog owners have shown an inclination in naming their dog based on human names. Nowadays, dog owners also feel that their dogs are the part and parcel their family. This emotional attachment and close association has led to the belief that dogs do deserve a human name. In most household, dogs are considered as another child and this equation has also led to the feeling that dogs must be given their due as far as their names are concerned.

Just take a look at this news snippet!

According to a recent announcement by the Health Department of US, the entire list of popular name of dogs is dominated by some famous and frequent names.

Fact: It was really surprising to note that “Max” topped the list of famous dog names.

This name was found to be engraved on 1,228 of the 101,274 dog licenses that were issued last year (2006)! Lucky and Princess occupied the second and third spot respectively. On the other hand, Rocky and Buddy occupied fourth and fifth positions respectively.

It was also surprising to see that mixed breeds outnumbered all other varieties and they were followed by Labrador Retrievers. Pit Bulls came on the third place, while Shih-Tzus secured the fourth place. Here are the lists of the most popular dog names and breeds for the year 2005 (Data: Dept of Health, USA):

Most Popular Dog Names of 2005

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| 1. | Max |
| 2. | Lucky |
| 3. | Princess |
| 4. | Rocky |
| 5. | Buddy |
| 6. | Coco |
| 7. | Daisy |
| 8. | Lucy |
| 9. | Lady |
| 10. | Shadow |

Most Popular Dog Breeds of 2005

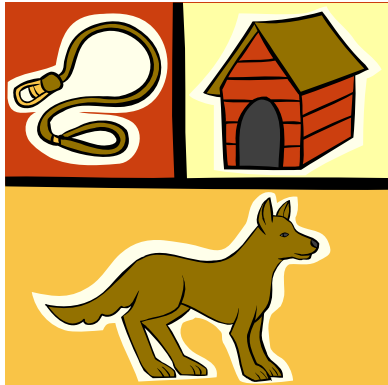
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| 1. | Mixed |
| 2. | Labrador Retriever |
| 3. | Pit bull |
| 4. | Shih-Tzu |
| 5. | German Shepherd |
| 6. | Yorkshire Terrier |
| 7. | Chihuahua |
| 8. | Poodle |
| 9. | Maltese |
| 10. | Cocker Spaniel |

As per Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI), the ten most popular dog names based on the policy holder's enquires for 2005 are:

1. Max,
2. Baily,
3. Buddy,
4. Molly,
5. Maggie,
6. Lucie,
7. Daisy,
8. Bella,
9. Jake,
- and
10. Rocky

Though these names are at variance with the Health Department's list, there are some common names that frequent both lists. When you compare these names with those of

2004 name list, you will also find that there many names that are very commonly used by dog owners. Another list of names from UK also offers very interesting facts and data about dog owner’s preferences and likings while naming their dogs. Of late, dog owners in UK have been displaying a keen sense of affinity to naming their dogs with fashion related terminologies. Famous labels like Chanel, Gucci, Givenchy, Prada and Betley are proving to be the favorite dog names, since last one or two years.



According to Oscar Group of UK (famous pet food suppliers), British dog owners are becoming very adventurous and innovative, by naming their dogs with different and highly innovative dog names. Traditional names are being given away to be replaced by off-beat, unusual and unconventional names.

Though the all-time favorite name “Max” still leads the list (11% vote), names like Sam, Meg, Ben, Holly, Charlie, Oscar, Barney and Millie closely follow the leader. British dog owners are found to draw their inspiration from a diverse sources that include right from confectionary (Rolo, Cadbury and Twix), Food (Chips and Brie), Literature and films (Merlin and Brown) and even favorite tipples like Stella and Guinness! Dog owners have also taken a liking for celebrities and sport stars like Kylie, Tyson, Jordan, Britney, Beckham and Rio! Famous people are also included in the dog name list. Examples were Dusty, Paris, Bilson, Brody, Penny, Jake and Sara.

Here is a combined list of famous dog names of UK, all named after some definite themes and ideas (Data and Research on <http://www.oscars.co.uk/newsitem.ikml?id=79>)

Most popular	Names
Dog Name	Max, Molly, Sam, Meg, Ben, Holly, Charlie, Oscar, Barney
Brand Names	Diesel Bentley Levi Oakley Gucci Kenzo Porsche Prada Chanel
Celebrity Names	Travis, Kylie, Keano, Jordan, Lennon, Stevie Wonder, Britney Jimmy, Clinton
Sports Star Names	Tyson, Rio, Lennox, Fergie, Beckham, Rooney, Keegan
Fiction Names	Casper, Merlin, Charlie Brown, Lassie, Gromitt, Gulliver, Mr Darcey, Frodu, Kojak
Alcohol Names	Tia, Brandy, Guinness, Stella, Hooch, Becks, Sherry, Whiskey, Smirnoff, Boddingtons
Bakery Names	Rolo, Toffee, Cadbury, Treacle, Chocolate, Wispa, Fudge, Twix
Food Names	Branston, Chips, Mustard, Pumpkin, Noodle, Peanut, Brie, Ketchup
Unusual Names	Dyson, Hoover, Midland Fuel, Chickens, Silly Wart, Big Nose, Van Dog, Lettuce

Here are the other lists for both male and female dog names for the year 2004:

Male Dog Names

Female Dog Names

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| 1. Max | 1. Molly |
| 2. Buddy | 2. Maggie |
| 3. Jake | 3. Daisy |
| 4. Rocky | 4. Lucy |
| 5. Bailey | 5. Sadie |
| 6. Buster | 6. Ginger |
| 7. Cody | 7. Chloe |
| 8. Charlie | 8. Bailey |
| 9. Bear | 9. Sophie |
| 10. Jack | 10. Zoe |
| 11. Toby | 11. Princess |
| 12. Duke | 12. Bella |
| 13. Lucky | 13. Angel |
| 14. Sam | 14. Lady |
| 15. Harley | 15. Sasha |
| 16. Shadow | 16. Abby |
| 17. Rusty | 17. Roxy |
| 18. Murphy | 18. Missy |
| 19. Sammy | 19. Brandy |
| 20. Zeus | 20. Coco |
| 21. Riley | 21. Annie |
| 22. Oscar | 22. Katie |
| 23. Winston | 23. Samantha |
| 24. Casey | 24. Casey |
| 25. Tucker | 25. Gracie |
| 26. Teddy | 26. Rosie |
| 27. Gizmo | 27. Misty |
| 28. Samson | 28. Emma |
| 29. Oliver | 29. Sandy |
| 30. Bandit | 30. Heidi |

It also provides us plenty of clues why some names are frequently repeated over and over again. The name “Max” seems to be the current flavor, just because it is dead easy to utter that name and it is also very easy for dogs to comprehend and understand. Molly is another name that is so common and frequent among female dogs. It is another name that has very easy syllables and a clear intonation that is understood without any ambiguity.

There are many other bits of information and details that are associated by this list:

- All the above names are mostly one or two syllables in construction,
- None of them seem like commands and instructions,
- These names are all very friendly, cordial, courteous and mild,
- Even kids can use these names without any chances of mispronunciation

There was a time when dog owners used to name their dogs after their physical or personality traits and characters. One of the best examples of a dog that is named after its physical trait is Rocket, meaning the dog that runs like a missile!

But, the trend has changed now and dog owners of the day, like to name their dog after human names. Here another survey that was conducted in the city of San Francisco:

Of about 12,500 dogs that are registered in the city, 137 are called Max, while the most famous dog name of all times, FIDO has just one occurrence in the list. Almost seven of the ten dog breeds surveyed were named after humans. Molly, Jake, Lucy and Sam are all other common dog names.

However, Sam is the most popular dog name in the entire North American continent for more than a decade, while names like Max, Maggie, Buddy, Tasha, Chelsea, Brandy, Ginger and Taffy are the other common names.

Fact and Trivia: The study of names is called ONOMASTICS

Recent research findings point out to an interesting fact- Naming pets is an emotional behavior and a human tendency. Man likes to name his or her pets with names that bring them some form of happiness and good tidings. While men took the initiatives to name dogs, women often never get interfered in naming dogs. While men liked to name dogs with names that sounded very masculine and bold, women always liked giving very feminine and smooth names.

Another interesting trivia: Dogs that bite frequently are often named “Rocky”! As per the Health Department records, most of the bite cases were related to the name “Rocky” which was followed by other names like Max and Zeke. Another interesting observation is the demise of that old name: Fido! Even Rover are being taken off the list by dog owners. Kids often liked the cartoon name “Simba” and “Snowy”.

Dog Names by Color

Nature has provided dogs some of the vibrantly rich color and furs, and a dog is always admired by the type of fur and coat color on his body. Some of the most beautiful colors found on the body of the dogs include Fawn, Black, Grey, Chocolate, Red, Spotted, Red, Milk, Straw, Yellow, Rust and White.

Dog owners are also known to name their dogs based on the color of their coat and fur. Dogs are also named after the type of hair and coat; some of the dogs have a long, silky type of hair and such dogs are called Silky, while many other dogs are wonderfully named Rusty, to represent their superb rust and red color. Pure white dog that has acted in that famous cartoon Tin Tin is named as Snowy, while the excellent Saint Bernard is called Beethoven!

It is quite endearing to associate your dog name with a brilliant color and its wonderful shades. Colors represent Mother Nature and colors are known to nurture the whole world, including plants and animals. Dogs are no different! Even humans are not quite different! Both dogs and humans are affected by the intensity of colors and its brilliant hues.

Colors also provide an inspiration; just check out those beautiful canines with glowing and colored skin. You'll understand why dog owners have been naming their dogs with different colors. Naming your dogs based on colors could be inspired by brilliant flowers, excellent foliage, great painting and thrilling nature.

Here are some tips and suggestions on how you can name your dog based on its color:

- You must know how to differentiate between different colors and their shades. Check out the hair and fur of your dog to decide which color is dominant,
- Dogs have skins that are enriched with secondary and primary colors; however, there are chances that most of the dogs have some sort of secondary colors that are complimented by a brilliant mix of two colors,
- You should know the entire range of colors that are present in the nature; keep a catalogue of colors and their shades ready on your table before naming your dog,
- There are many nice and good names that are based on the colors. You can pick one of them to name your dog,
- Check out whether the name actually fits your dog; the name that you choose may be a great one, but it may not fit your dog's personality and mannerisms,
- Naming a Collie is actually very difficult because it sports a mix of two or three colors. You may wish to check and see the type of color that is more dominant on the animal,
- Yellow and Canary colored dogs are also quite difficult to name, because there are not many synonymous names that can highlight those wonderful shades of yellow and Canary,
- Puppies of age 3 months will not display their full colors; if you're planning to name them after their colors, you may need to wait a bit longer.

Names for Black Dogs

Angus (a black animal)
Blackberry (a black fruit)
Black Dog (simply black)
Blackie (full of black)
Blackjack (a game)
Black sheep (like a black sheep)
Blacktop (asphalt like)
Blackwell (great American blacks)
Charcoal (pitch dark)
Cinder (burnt out)
Coal (again dark)
Ebony (great dark color)
Licorice (a dark herb)
Midnight (pitch dark)
Onyx (jet black)
Panther (dark animal)
Raven (a dark bird)
Seal (sea animal)
Shadow (dark)
Zorro (black fox)

Names for Brown Dogs

Brownie (with brown)
Bruno (German Brown)
Cadbury (brownish chocolate)
Carob (a dark drink)
Coffee (beautiful coffee)
Coffee Beans (brownish pods)
Choco (choco beans)
Chocolatta (a brown drink)
Chocolate (brown drink)
Chocolette (brown drink)
Coco, Cocoa (brown beans)
Cola (brown nut)
Godiva (an unknown brown)
Hershey (chocolate manufacturer)
Leroy Brown (harsh brown)
Mocha (coffee brown)
Molly Brown (lady brown)
Nestle (famous drink maker)
Ovaltine (famous drink)

Names for Gray Dogs

Asher (famous chocolate)
Ashes (burnt wood)
Dustie, Dusty (dust like brown)
Flint, Flynt (kind of grey)
Granite (stone grey)
Grayson (kind of gray)
Greystoke (Tarzan Gray)
Ghost (invisible gray)
Gunsmoke (gray smoke)

Pebbles (as in pebbles in rivers)
Rocky (mountain gray)
Silver (silver gray)
Slate (dark gray)
Smokette (smoke gray)
Smoky (grayish)
Steele (steel like gray)

Names for Red/Rust Dogs

Autumn (autumn red)
Cinnamon (Oily Red)
Copper (Dusty Red)
Crimson (Crimson Red)
Elmo (Elmo's Fire)
Flame (Flame Red)
Ginger (Ginger Red)
Mahogany (Pale Red)
Penny (Pale Red)
Pumpkin (Heavenly Rust)
Red,
Rhett (Romantic Red)
Rose, Rosie (Brilliant Red)
Ruby (Ruby Red)
Rustie,
Scarlet (Scarlet Red)
Spice (Hot Red)

Names for Gold/Yellow Dogs

Ale (Golden Yellow)
Amber (Sublime Yellow)
Banana (Heavenly Yellow)
Blondie (Blonde Yellow)
Butter (Real Yellow)
Buttercup (Fruit Yellow)
Butterscotch (Ice Cream Yellow)
Chiquita (Mexican Yellow)
Forsythia (Flower Yellow)
Golda (Real Yellow)
Gold finger (Flower Yellow)
Goldie (Goldie Locks)
Goldilocks (Goldie)
Goldwater (Superb Yellow)
Honey (Fruity Yellow)
Honeysuckle (Heavenly Yellow)
Midas (Gold Yellow)
Marigold (Flowery Canary)
Sundance (Sublime Yellow)
Sunflower (Flowery Yellow)
Sunshine (Brilliant Yellow)
Sunny (Pale Yellow)
Yeller (Peculiar Yellow)

Names for Spotted Dogs

Chips (White and Black)
Ditto (Spots)

Dot.com (Speckled)
Domino (Tile)
Dot (Patches of black and white)
Dotz (Dots)
Dotty (With Dots)
Freckles (Pigmented)
Marbles (Mottled)
Marx (Marks)
Patches (patch of white and black)
Polka Dot (Spots)
Speck (Spots)
Speckles (Specks)
Spot (Patches)
Spotty (With Spots)
Spotz(Spots)

Names for White Dogs

Arctic (Arctic White)
Aspen (Aspen White)
Avalanche (Avalanche White)
Blizzard (Snow Wind)
Cameo (Agate)
Casper (A Fort)

Cloud (Whitish Cloud)
Coconut (Coconut Kernel white)
Cotton (White Cotton)
Edelweiss (Flowery White)
Frostie, Frosty (Frost White)
Ghost (Deathly White)
Glacier (Glacier White)
Igloo (Packed Snow)
Ice (Icy White)
Ice Cube (Pale White)
Ivory (Ivory like White)
Lily (Flowery White)
Marshmallow (Herb White)
Pearl (Heavenly Pearl)
Polar (Bright White)
Powder (Simply White)
Snow (White)
Snow Ball (Pure White)
Snowflake (Pure White)
Snow White (Pure White)
Snowden (House of Snow)
Sugar (Sugar White)
Vanilla (Fragrant White)

Dog Names by Size

Like all other animals, even dogs vary in their size and weight. Some of the dogs are just 6 inches in size (as in the breed Chihuahua) and weigh only 2 kg in weight. On the other hand dogs like Irish Wolfhounds are monstrous both in size (35 inches in height) and weight (as high as 50 kg). Naming these dogs is more often a matter of judgment on part of the dog owners. However, naming a dog after its size and weight is often a tough job, because of too few available names.

Enterprising dog owners have named their dogs with some intuitive names based on their perception of weight and size. There are some guidelines and tips that must be followed by every dog owners, while naming their dogs based on the size and weight. Dog's temperament and attitude often depends on the dog's size and weight. Here are some ideas that will help you to choose a good name for your dog:

Large dogs are always:

- Naturally calm, slow reflex dog.
- A striking, snappy, quick and strong name is preferable. A short name is supposed to be the best.
- Hard, strong consonant and strong vowels.

Some examples are *Bob, Max, Waldo, Rex and Hulk*

Small dogs are always:

- Nervous temperament, quick reflex, fast reacting dog.
- A soft, soothing and sweet sounding name would be better. A name that's too short and dry could "excite" the dog too much and make him restless.
- Name that ends in the sound in "u" is a possibility with a soft consonant.

Examples are *Voodoo, Branndy, Tiny and Fifi*.

More Tips:

- If you have two or more dogs of the same size category, ensure that you name them with titles that are dissimilar to each other, but sounding similar with same intonations.
- You may face some challenges, when you have dogs with two size categories. For example, having a Chihuahua and a Great Dane in your home poses some tricky situations because both of them have different temperament and attitudes. If you have difficulty in naming these two types of dogs, please do consult your pet club or go through a pet dog name book. As far as possible, try to name them differently without creating confusion among their mind.
- Many small breeds are very energetic and bubbly in their nature, while a number of small dogs are docile and calm. While naming a small aggressive dog, ensure

that you pick up a name that reflects the dog's temperament and attitude, and not the actual size. This principle and idea holds good for all large sized docile dogs as well.

Here is a comprehensive list of dog breeds that are classified based on their size and weight. The list is progressive with light-weight dogs on top of the list, with large sized dogs following them in a sequence. The list also provides two names, one each for male and female.

Some of the most common names based on the sizes of the dogs are:

Large Sized Dogs:

Giant, Monster, Godzilla, Beefy, Big , Big and Bad , Big Boy, Chubby, Chunky, Fatso, Goliath, Jumbo , Large , Magnum , Maxi , Muscles, Sumo and Tank

Small Sized Dogs:

Baby, Bonsai, Dinky, Elf, Fairy, Gnome, Inch, Little Foot, Minnie, Midge, Midget, Peanut, Nipper, Shortie, Slim, Squirt, Tiny and Titch

Breed	Nickname
Chihuahua	The Smallest Dog (Bailey)
<u>Pekingese</u>	The Lion Dog (Simba)
<u>Brussels Griffon</u>	Cab Stable Dog (Eddie or Fuzzy)
<u>Toy Fox Terrier</u>	AmerToy (Austin or Bella)
<u>Dachshund</u>	The Hot Dog (Boris or Jasmine)
<u>Papillon</u>	"Butterfly" Dog (George or Lady)
<u>Pomeranian</u>	Poms (Oscar or Penny)
<u>Shih Tzu</u>	Chrysanthemum Dog (Yellow or Woopy)
<u>Yorkshire Terrier</u>	The Yorkies (Clyde and Bella)
<u>Havanese</u>	Havana Dog (Dean and Diana)
<u>Maltese</u>	Malta Dog (Abby and Bandi)
<u>Norfolk Terrier</u>	The Demon (George and Kira)
<u>Silky Terrier</u>	The Sydney Silky (Alto and Silky)

<u>Affenpinscher</u>	Little Devil (Tiny and Minnu)
<u>Tibetan Spaniel</u>	The Prayer Dog (Silent and Candie)
<u>Chinese Crested</u>	Powder Puff (Percy and Penny)
<u>Cairn Terrier</u>	Toto (Bubbly and Penny)
<u>Bichon Frise</u>	Curly (Bart and Azure)
<u>Alaskan Klee Kai</u>	Whity and Snowy
<u>Australian Terrier</u>	Australian Terrier (Quackie and Queenie)
<u>Border Terrier</u>	Otter Dog (Wyatt and Woopy)
<u>Lhasa Apso</u>	Tibet Dog (Carro and Anna)
<u>West Highland White Terrier</u>	The Westie (Zoltan and Zeta)
<u>English Toy Spaniel</u>	Lapdog (Baby and Bonsai)
<u>Manchester Terrier (Toy)</u>	The Rat Killer (Hunter and Nina)
<u>Miniature Pinscher</u>	The Mini Pin (Tiny and Midget)
<u>Norwich Terrier</u>	The "Jones" Terrier (Bubbly and Chicory)
<u>Pembroke Welsh Corgi</u>	The Tiny dog (Small and Weenie)
<u>Pug</u>	King Dog (Pug Face and Dusty)
<u>Scottish Terrier</u>	The Scotty Dog (Scot and Queenie)
<u>Schipperke</u>	Little Captain (Joe and Ann)
<u>Miniature Bull Terrier</u>	The Gladiator (Rover and Raft)
<u>Cardigan Welsh Corgi</u>	Celt Dog (Corgi and Cardigan)
<u>Sealyham Terrier</u>	The Mystery Dog (Suspense and Molly)
<u>French Bulldog</u>	The Toy Bulldog (Tiny and Tot)
<u>Basset Hound</u>	The French Aristocrat (King and Princess)
<u>Cavalier King Charles Spaniel</u>	Monarch's Dog (Charles and Peggy)
<u>Glen of Imaal Terrier</u>	The Turnspit Dog (Glen and Imaal)
<u>Jack Russell Terrier</u>	The Scamp (Smarty and Peppy)
<u>Lowchen</u>	The Little Lion Dog (Simba and Queen)
<u>Miniature Schnauzer</u>	Small Beard (Silky and Cupid)
<u>Parson Russell Terrier</u>	The Minister's Scamp (Rascal and Russy)
<u>Patterdale Terrier</u>	The Fell Terrier (Birdie and Smokie)

<u>Bulldog</u>	The British Bull Baiter (Fighter and Bully)
<u>Japanese Spitz</u>	The Pure White Dog (Whitie and Snowy)
<u>Rat Terrier</u>	The Ratter (Hunter and Gun)
<u>Beagle</u>	The Snoopy Dog (Snoopy and Snowy)
<u>Italian Greyhound</u>	Gaze Hound (Hulk and Racer)
<u>Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen</u>	Small Dog (Pixie and Slim)
<u>Shetland Sheepdog</u>	The Sheltie (Edgar and Effie)
<u>Lakeland Terrier</u>	The Showman (Delco and Demi)
<u>Shiba Inu</u>	The Brushwood Dog (Elmo and Elsa)
<u>American Cocker Spaniel</u>	The American dog (Yankie and Queen)
<u>Tibetan Terrier</u>	The "Good Luck" Dog (Lucky and Fortune)
<u>New Guinea Singing Dog</u>	Gazehound (Singer and Ash)
<u>Puli</u>	Water Dog (Dick and Moby)
<u>Smooth Fox Terrier</u>	The Adventurer (Roamer and Dixie)
<u>Wire Fox Terrier</u>	The Live Wire (Bubbly and Natasha)
<u>Manchester Terrier (Standard)</u>	The Cat-like Dog (Kite and Kitten)
<u>Sussex Spaniel</u>	The Flusher (Dick and Darcy)
<u>Boston Terrier</u>	Gentleman (Gentle and Mia)
<u>English Cocker Spaniel</u>	Pigeon Dog (Pigeon and Myna)
<u>American Water Spaniel</u>	The Great Lakes Dog (Orbit and Wanda)
<u>American Eskimo Dog</u>	The Performer (Waldo and Winnie)
<u>Poodle</u>	The Stylish Breed (Showy and Powder)
<u>Bedlington Terrier</u>	The Lamb-like Dog (Noel and Nora)
<u>Finnish Spitz</u>	Barking Bird Dog (Birdie and Sweetie)
<u>Basenji</u>	The Bark-less Dog (Neon and Nera)
<u>German Pinscher</u>	Great Dog (Nick and Lucie)
<u>Keeshond</u>	The Dutch Barge Dog (Barge and Brainy)
<u>Field Spaniel</u>	The Field Worker (Maxi and Maara)
<u>American Staffordshire Terrier</u>	Fighting Pit Dog (Moe and Misty)
<u>Polish Lowland Sheepdog</u>	The Nizinny (Pole and Nikky)
<u>Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier</u>	The Teddy Bear (Pablo and Paddy)

<u>Staffordshire Bull Terrier</u>	Nanny (Bull and Baby)
<u>Welsh Springer Spaniel</u>	Celtic Dog (Cody and Cara)
<u>Welsh Terrier</u>	Rogue (Smarty and Bandi)
<u>Australian Cattle Dog</u>	The Heeler (Gecko and Gia)
<u>Portuguese Water Dog</u>	Sea Dog (Captain and Rover)
<u>Kerry Blue Terrier</u>	County Kerry Beauty (Prince and Beauty)
<u>Standard Schnauzer</u>	The Rat Catcher (Hunter and Rat)
<u>Whippet</u>	The Snap Dog (Widget and Windy)
<u>Chinese Shar-pei</u>	Chinese Fighting Dog (Charlie and Chata)
<u>Chow Chow</u>	The Great Dog (Chow and Corky)
<u>Irish Terrier</u>	The Racy Terrier (Runner and Rosie)
<u>Brittany</u>	Epagneul Breton (Brainy and Baby)
<u>Shikoku</u>	Good Dog (Peter and Penny)
<u>Border Collie</u>	Dream Dog (Sam and Samantha)
<u>English Springer Spaniel</u>	The Quarry Springers (Runner and Sax)
<u>Australian Shepherd</u>	The Basque Shepherd Dog (Oz and Ozzie)
<u>Clumber Spaniel</u>	Émigré (Kitty and Kylie)
<u>Harrier</u>	The Hare Hunter (Harry and Sally)
<u>Samoyed</u>	Smiling Face (Sam and Smilie)
<u>Canaan</u>	Canaan Dog (Juve and Julie)
<u>Norwegian Elkhound</u>	War Dog (Fighter and Kisha)
<u>Bearded Collie</u>	Olde English Dog (Bert and Odlie)
<u>Siberian Husky</u>	The Team Racer (Runner and Rancho)
<u>Plott</u>	Mr. Plott's Dog (Smarty and Sally)
<u>Wirehaired Pointing Griffon</u>	The Rough Coat (Wavy and Griffy)
<u>Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog</u>	The Leopard-like Dog (Tiger and Princess)
<u>Bull Terrier</u>	The White Cavalier (Tippu and Tommy)
<u>Irish Water Spaniel</u>	The Tallest Spaniel (Bubbly and Maxi)
<u>Vizsla</u>	The Hungarian Pointer (Oso and Wookie)
<u>Boxer</u>	The Fighter (Jumbo and Jean)
<u>German Shorthaired Pointer</u>	The Short Haired Dog (Sam and Silky)

<u>Golden Retriever</u>	Cute Dog (Goldie and Cutie)
<u>Pharaoh Hound</u>	Sighthound (Basil and Beanie)
<u>Chesapeake Bay Retriever</u>	The Strongest Swimmer (Beaker and Bandie)
<u>Dalmatian</u>	White and Black (Polka and Dot)
<u>Flat-Coated Retriever</u>	Water Dog (Waldo and Wanda)
<u>Old English Sheepdog</u>	The "Bobtail" (Curly and Silky)
<u>Belgian Malinois</u>	Malines (Woody and Winny)
<u>Collie</u>	The Lassie Star (Lassie and Lola)
<u>Thai Ridgeback</u>	The Thailand Spitz (Spinks and Spit)
<u>Rottweiler</u>	Roman Dog (Roma and Red)
<u>Beauceron</u>	Berger de Beauce (Bulky and Bazza)
<u>Tibetan Mastiff</u>	A War Dog (Fighter and Captain)
<u>Labrador Retriever</u>	The Fisherman's Friend (Anokie and Angel)
<u>Ibizan Hound</u>	Hannibal (Lecter and Leia)
<u>Saluki</u>	Sacred Dog (Mac and Mai)
<u>Airedale Terrier</u>	Aire Dog (Abe and Angel)
<u>Alaskan Husky</u>	The Sled Racer (Apache and April)
<u>Pointer</u>	The Bird Locator (Birdie and Brie)
<u>Australian Kelpie Sheep Dog</u>	Water Sprite (Bono and Brundi)
<u>Black and Tan Coonhound</u>	The Raccoon Raider (Rats and Micey)
<u>Bouvier des Flandres</u>	The Strong Guy (Fatso and Bertha)
<u>Dogue de Bordeaux</u>	French Mastiff (Massive and Martha)
<u>English Foxhound</u>	English Dog (Bean and Martha)
<u>Weimaraner</u>	The Forester's Dog (Spooky and Jenny)
<u>Akita</u>	The Most Venerated (Edgar and Ella)
<u>Boerboel</u>	Boers Dog (Doc and Dixie)
<u>Hovawart</u>	Farm Watchdog (Barnie and Bean)
<u>Giant Schnauzer</u>	The Small Beard (Beefy and Sumo)
<u>Greater Swiss Mountain Dog</u>	The "Swissy" (Chocolate and Fizz)
<u>Bernese Mountain Dog</u>	The Berne Dog (Berne and Hilda)
<u>Alsatian</u>	The German Shepherd (Fritz and Frau)

<u>German Shepherd Dog</u>	The Alsatian Wolf Dog (Sam and Sassy)
<u>Gordon Setter</u>	Gun Dog (Morris and Moxie)
<u>Bloodhound</u>	The Sleuthhound (Goliath and Gia)
<u>Bullmastiff</u>	Poachers Dog (Bull and Britany)
<u>English Setter</u>	Sitting Dog (Sitter and Sadie)
<u>Otterhound</u>	The Otter's Foe (Scout and Shako)
<u>Rhodesian Ridgeback</u>	The Lion Dog (Simba and Sheba)
<u>Doberman Pinscher</u>	The Tax Collectors Dog (Kaiser and Karla)
<u>Chinese Foo Dog</u>	Tongs (Foo and Fiffi)
<u>Tosa Inu</u>	Tosa Dog (Tosa and Emma)
<u>Afghan Hound</u>	Phraoah Hound (Ra and Ria)
<u>Curly-Coated Retriever</u>	The Gamekeeper's Dog (Elmo and Emma)
<u>Irish Setter</u>	Victorian Dog (Ditto and Diva)
<u>Saint Bernard</u>	Savior (Saint and Seniorita)
<u>Great Pyrenees</u>	The Court Dog (Prince and Princess)
<u>Maremma</u>	Sheepdog (Drake and Droopy)
<u>Komondor</u>	Sheep Dog (Leader and Lena)
<u>Borzoi</u>	Czar Dog (Peter and Pixie)
<u>Newfoundland</u>	The Land seer Dog (Barney and Beanie)
<u>Black Russian Terrier</u>	Bull Baiter (Blackie and Baby)
<u>Anatolian Shepherd Dog</u>	The Wolf Hunter (Whistle and Winky)
<u>Greyhound</u>	The Fastest Dog (Runner and Rose)
<u>Mastiff</u>	War Dog (Rancho and Rachel)
<u>Great Dane</u>	The Gentle Giant (Gentle and Genie)
<u>Scottish Deerhound</u>	Royal Dog (King and Queenie)
<u>Irish Wolfhound</u>	War Dog (Piper and Phylis)
Breed	Nickname

Dog Names by Breed

If you want to name your dog after its breed characteristics, it may not really go well at least in some breeds of dogs. However, you may correlate the name with that of breed characters. If you put some effort and time, you can also pick the dog name by its breed. Another recommended way is to name your dog after the origin of the country. For example, if the dog is from Africa, you can try and find some African names for your dog.

To help you out in naming, there are a number of web sites that maintain a database of dog names by country of origin. However, be as realistic as possible, as funny sounding names may lead to social embarrassment. As far as possible, try and find out more about the history of breed.

You may also need to be very careful while selecting a name for your dog based on its breed and progeny. Kennel clubs are very adamant about the standard of breed and its character. If the name that is given to your dog breed is not satisfactory, kennel clubs may refuse to register the both dog name, as well the animal itself.

With so many similar dogs being sold every day by registered breeders, it is often very difficult to name these dogs. For example, the term "pit bull" is a broad net that includes at least five different and major types of dog breeds: American bulldog, Staffordshire Terrier, American Staffordshire, Bull Terrier, and American Pit Bull Terriers. Some national kennel clubs haven't even registered these dog breeds, as in the case of CKC. So naming these dog breeds is actually a tough job. Another example is that of Retrievers, which encompasses almost seven different types of varieties. Naming these varieties based on their breed characters is again very difficult.

Thus, it becomes imperative to name your dog not on the lines of its breed, but on its temperament, color, coat, size and weight. More often, it is very easy to name your dog after these standard indicators.

Here are some ideas and tips that will help you to choose names after the dog breed:

- Know your dog breed and its main characters; by knowing your dog breed it is very easy to pick up some names after a specific trait or a character. For example, Retriever class of dogs is yellowish to canary in color, and has the habit of playing with their owners. You can pick and choose a name based on these dominant characters.
- Some dog breeds are very large in size, while others are so small both in weight and height. Naming such dogs is very easy with their pronounced characters providing you plenty of ideas and clues.
- Most of the dog breeds are named, as per the wishes and personal needs of the dog owners. Almost all breeds of dogs have some sort of nick names attached to them, and such names are picked after studying the specific history of the breed, country of origin, breed characters, temperament and attitude.

Here is a list of dog breeds and their nick names that are based on some specific characters and physical traits:

Breed	Nickname
Chihuahua	Small Dog
Pekingese	The Lion
Brussels Griffon	Stable Dog
Toy Fox Terrier	The AmerToy
Dachshund	The Hot Dog
Papillon	The "Butterfly"
Pomeranian	Poms
Shih Tzu	The Chrysanthemum Dog
Yorkshire Terrier	The Yorkies
Havanese	Havananese Dog
Maltese	Malta Dog
Norfolk Terrier	The Demon
Silky Terrier	Sydney Silky Dog
Affenpinscher	Little Devil
Tibetan Spaniel	Prayer Dog
Chinese Crested	Powder Puff
Cairn Terrier	Toto
Bichon Frise	Curly Lap Dog
Alaskan Klee Kai	Snow Dog
Australian Terrier	National Terrier
Border Terrier	Otter Dog
Lhasa Apso	Sacred Dog
West Highland White Terrier	Westie
English Toy Spaniel	Lapdog
Manchester Terrier (Toy)	Rat Killer
<u>Miniature Pinscher</u>	Mini Pin
<u>Norwich Terrier</u>	"Jones" Terrier

<u>Pembroke Welsh Corgi</u>	Celts Dog
<u>Pug</u>	Monk Dog
<u>Scottish Terrier</u>	Scotty Dog
<u>Miniature Bull Terrier</u>	Gladiator
<u>Cardigan Welsh Corgi</u>	Celtic Dog
<u>French Bulldog</u>	Toy Bulldog
<u>Basset Hound</u>	The French Aristocrat
<u>Cavalier King Charles Spaniel</u>	Monarch's Dog
<u>Jack Russell Terrier</u>	Scamp
<u>Lowchen</u>	Little Lion
<u>Miniature Schnauzer</u>	Small Beard
<u>Patterdale Terrier</u>	Fell Terrier
<u>Bulldog</u>	British Bull Baiter
<u>Japanese Spitz</u>	Pure White Dog
<u>Rat Terrier</u>	Ratter
<u>Beagle</u>	Snoopy
<u>Italian Greyhound</u>	Gaze Hound
<u>Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen</u>	Small Dog
<u>Shetland Sheepdog</u>	Sheltie
<u>Lakeland Terrier</u>	Showman
<u>Shiba Inu</u>	Brushwood Dog
<u>American Cocker Spaniel</u>	Yankie Dog
<u>Tibetan Terrier</u>	Good Luck Dog
<u>New Guinea Singing Dog</u>	Gazehound
<u>Puli</u>	Water Dog
<u>Smooth Fox Terrier</u>	Adventurer
<u>Wire Fox Terrier</u>	Live Wire
<u>Manchester Terrier (Standard)</u>	Cat-like Dog
<u>Sussex Spaniel</u>	Flusher
<u>Boston Terrier</u>	American Gentleman

<u>English Cocker Spaniel</u>	Hunter
<u>American Water Spaniel</u>	Great Lakes Dog
<u>American Eskimo Dog</u>	Performer
<u>Poodle</u>	Stylish Dog
<u>Bedlington Terrier</u>	Lamb
<u>Finnish Spitz</u>	Barking Bird Dog
<u>Basenji</u>	Bark-less Dog
<u>German Pinscher</u>	Rare Dog
<u>Keeshond</u>	Dutch Barge Dog
<u>Field Spaniel</u>	Field Worker
<u>American Staffordshire Terrier</u>	Fighting Pits
<u>Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier</u>	Teddy Bear
<u>Staffordshire Bull Terrier</u>	Nanny
<u>Welsh Springer Spaniel</u>	Celtic Dog
<u>Welsh Terrier</u>	Rogue
<u>Australian Cattle Dog</u>	Heeler
<u>Portuguese Water Dog</u>	Trawler
<u>Kerry Blue Terrier</u>	Kerry Beauty
<u>Standard Schnauzer</u>	Rat Catcher
<u>Whippet</u>	Snap Dog
<u>Dandie Dinmont Terrier</u>	Sir Walter Scott's Dog
<u>Chinese Shar-pei</u>	Chinese Fighting Dog
<u>Chow Chow</u>	Black Tongue
<u>Irish Terrier</u>	Racy Terrier
<u>Brittany</u>	Epagneul Breton
<u>Shikoku</u>	Worship Dog
<u>Border Collie</u>	Dream Dog
<u>English Springer Spaniel</u>	Quarry Springers
<u>Australian Shepherd</u>	Basque Shepherd
<u>Samoyed</u>	Smiling Face
<u>Canaan</u>	Canaan Dog

<u>Norwegian Elkhound</u>	War Dog
<u>Siberian Husky</u>	Team Racer
<u>Bull Terrier</u>	White Cavalier
<u>Irish Water Spaniel</u>	Tallest Spaniel
<u>Boxer</u>	Fighter
<u>German Shorthaired Pointer</u>	Short Haired Dog
<u>Golden Retriever</u>	Darling
<u>Pharaoh Hound</u>	Pharaoh Dog
<u>Chesapeake Bay Retriever</u>	Swimmer
<u>Redbone Coonhound</u>	Red Dog
<u>Dalmatian</u>	Speckle
<u>Flat-Coated Retriever</u>	Water Dog
<u>Old English Sheepdog</u>	Bobtail
<u>Belgian Sheepdog</u>	War Hero
<u>Collie</u>	The Lassie Star
<u>German Wirehaired Pointer</u>	Pointer Dog
<u>Rottweiler</u>	Roman Dog
<u>Tibetan Mastiff</u>	War Dog
<u>Labrador Retriever</u>	The Fisherman's Friend
<u>Ibizan Hound</u>	Hannibal Hound
<u>Spinone Italiano</u>	Renaissance Pointer
<u>Saluki</u>	Sacred Dog
<u>Airedale Terrier</u>	Aire Dog
<u>Alaskan Malamute</u>	Artic Dog
<u>Alaskan Husky</u>	Sled Racer
<u>Pointer</u>	Bird Locator
<u>Australian Kelpie Sheep Dog</u>	Water Sprite
<u>Black and Tan Coonhound</u>	Raccoon Catcher
<u>Dogue de Bordeaux</u>	French Mastiff
<u>English Foxhound</u>	English Dog
<u>Weimaraner</u>	The Forester's Dog

<u>Akita</u>	Japanese Dog
<u>Boerboel</u>	Dog of the Boers
<u>Hovawart</u>	Farm Watchdog
<u>Giant Schnauzer</u>	The Small Beard
<u>Greater Swiss Mountain Dog</u>	Swissy
<u>Bernese Mountain Dog</u>	Berne Dog
<u>Alsatian</u>	German Shepherd
<u>German Shepherd Dog</u>	Wolf Dog
<u>Gordon Setter</u>	Gun Dog
<u>Bloodhound</u>	Sleuthhound
<u>Bullmastiff</u>	Poachers Dog
<u>English Setter</u>	Sitting Dog
<u>Rhodesian Ridgeback</u>	Lion Dog
<u>Doberman Pinscher</u>	Tax Collector
<u>Afghan Hound</u>	Pharaoh Hound
<u>Irish Setter</u>	Victorian Dog
<u>Saint Bernard</u>	Great Alpine Dog
<u>Great Pyrenees</u>	Court Dog
<u>Newfoundland</u>	Land seer Dog
<u>Anatolian Shepherd Dog</u>	Wolf Hunter
<u>Greyhound</u>	Lightening Dog
<u>Mastiff</u>	Gladiator
<u>Great Dane</u>	The Gentle Giant
<u>Leonberger</u>	The Lion-like Dog
<u>Scottish Deerhound</u>	Scottish Royal Dog
<u>Irish Wolfhound</u>	Irish War Dog

Dog names by Country of Origin

Choosing a name based on the country of origin or a locality, involves a lot of brain work and intelligence. In fact, picking a name for your foreign breed is easy, considering their unique foreign language and dialects which provide plenty of ideas and clues. Almost all foreign breeds have their unique foreign names, and it is possible for you to choose and pick up a name for a big database of foreign names.

If you're yourself a person of foreign origin, you can borrow some names from your mother tongue. Even a foreign breed will provide enough clues about the possible names. For example, if you own German dog, look no further than Kaiser, the German name for Emperor. You can also name your dog after the names of a specific place and city or even region. Naming your pet after a favorite holiday or vacation spot is an excellent idea. You can also borrow some ideas from history, mythology and geography to find a suitable name for your dog.

Here is a list of different countries, regions and nations after which you can name your pet dogs:

Africa

Africa is a land that is linked to the origin of life itself. It is widely believed that life form took its birth in this vast continent. Ancient dogs are thought to have originated in two regions of the world- Africa and Eurasia. It is no wonder, why Africa is such a big home for some of the best breeds of dogs in the entire world. Basenjis and Rhodesian Ridgebacks are dogs native to the African continent.

Some common names that you can borrow:

Abasi, Abebe, Adofu, Ajani, Akili, Ali, Alike, Amadi, Ameena, Amina, Amira, Anisa, Asabi, Asha, Ashanti, Asis, Atu, Aziza, Azuka, Bakar, Banji, Barke, Baruti, Bomani, Bumum, Bushman, Cameroon, Cheche, Chibale, Chika, Chipu, Chisisi, Chuma, Cou, Cous, Dalilal, Dan, Delv, Diata, Ekon, Fang, Gahiji, Gamba, Hadiya, Hasan, Hasani, Hasina, Igbo, Jabari, Jelani, Kabili, Kacela, Kia, Kiah, Kirabo, Kruger, Lisimba, Maliika, Mandala, Manu, Masai, Mbwana, Mpenda, Musa, Ngil, Nuru, Omari, Punu, Rashidi, Saba, Sadiki, Sahara, Salim, Shaka, Suhuba, Tanishia, Tau, Temba, Tikar, Tunza, Zikomo, Zuberi

But remember that choosing a strange sounding foreign name could turn out into a huge embarrassment, if the name that is chosen has some really bad meaning or if it is offending people or religion.

Australia

Choosing an Australian name for your dog is quite easy considering the fact that it is an English speaking country. Most of the dogs that live in the country are native to this continent, and they were imported by English settlers of the 15 and 16th century. However, Australia offers you some really nice and interesting dog names. Here are some unique Australian dog names that can borrow for naming your dog:

Agro Arana Arvo Aussie, Ozzie Barbie Barrack Billabong Billy Biscuits Bitzer Bizzo Bloke Blue Bluey Bonzer Boomer Brizzie Bundy Chewie Chook Chookie Chrissie Cooee Corroboree Dag Daks Didgeridoo Digger Dilly bag Dinki-di Dux Fair dinkum Fairy Floss Fred Nerk Freo Hooroo Jackaroo Jarrah Jillaroo Joe, Bloggs Joey Jumbuck Kero Kiah Kit Lollies Mackers Mate Matilda Middy Mozzie Nasho Nong Oz Pash Pom, Pommy Postie Prezzies Ridgy-didge Rollie Roo Sheila Shonky Sooky Squizz Stickybeak Stubby Swag Talia Tucker Ute Vejjo Woop Woop Yobbo

China

It is widely believed that the first of the canines came from this magnificent country. China is a home to some of the most beautiful dogs in the world. Today, more and more Chinese families are adopting some unique dogs as their canine friends. Some popular pups with Chinese ancestry, include the Shar-pei, Shih Tzu, Chow Chow and Pekingese.

Some Chinese dog names are:

Ah Ah Kum Ah Lam Bao Bing Qing Bo Chan Chang Chang Juan Chen Cheng Chih-nii Chu Hua Chuang-mu Chu-jung Da Da-xia De Fang Fang Yin Fen Fu-hsi Guan-yin Hai Hou-chi Hsi Wang Mu Hsin Huan Yue Huang Hui Ying Jia Li Jiang Li Jiao Ju Juan Jun Kuan-yin Kun Lan Li Na Li Qin Li Rong Lien Lien Hua Like Mani Mat Chinoi Mee Mu Mu Lan Mu Tan Nuo Ping Qi Ru San Shaiming Shang-ti Shen Shen Nung Tao Tien-hou T'ien-khuan Tu Twen-ch'ang Ushi Xia Xia He Xiang Xin Qian Xiu Xiu Juan Yi Jie Yi Min Yi Ze Yu Jie Yuan Yue Wan Zhi Zhou Zi

Eskimos

Some of the best known working dogs are found in the regions of Alaska and Arctic Ocean. Also called the beasts of the snow, these dogs are used as sled dogs and pack animals. These dogs are considered as a part of the family, and they are given all the respect they deserves for their lifetime. Common Eskimo dogs are Alaskan husky, Alaskan Malamute, Qimmiq, Chinook, Eurohound, Greenland Dog, Samoyed, Seppala Siberian Sleddog and Arctic Husky.

Eskimo dogs are the easiest dogs to name, as the Eskimos have devoted their entire lifetime to develop these breeds and recognize them as their own close friends.

Common Eskimo dog names are:

Akiak Nao Amaguq Negiliq Anachim Nilak Anvik Nini Arrluk Nuka Ataneq Nuti Balto Pakak Chena Pamiuruq Chibukak Pamplona Chilkat Panik Porcupine Chitnak Pukiq Chittyina Pukulria Chugach Pujuk Qannik chulyin Qimmig chulyin Qimugkauyar Cikuq Qimugta Colville Qimutki Cupun Saghani Deniigi Sakari Desna Sesi Eska Shesh Genen Shika Shila Juncau Shqitnu Skwentna K'eyghashutnu Shtiya Kaisha Siepermo Kaskae Siku Kavik Sitka Kaya Sos Kayuh Suka K'eyush Suyitnu Kinguyakkii Tanana Kowak Taqukaq Kukuliak Tikaani Kuk'uq Tikchik Kutlik Tonrar MaguyukTulukaruk Megussuk Tungulria Meshik Tupit Michelo Ulva Yakone Nanook Yaktag - cape Nanuk Yukon Nanuq Yuralria

France

Like the people of France, even the dogs in this country are quite passionate and well organized! Dogs are given plenty of respect and love, as they tend to form the part and parcel of life of every French man or woman. Finding French names for your dog is quite easy just because there is quite big list of French dog names available over the internet. French people name their dogs with romantic names, that may incorporate ideas of fashion, food, drink, wine and famous personalities and regions.

Here are some tips on how you can choose and select a French name for your dog:

- Check out if your dog is actually French in breed: To find out this information consult your kennel club or a professional breeder. Your dog need not be a French breed in order to provide him a French name.
- Choose a famous location of France as a name: You can choose a famous region or locality as your dog name. Names like “Bordeaux”, “Paris”, “Dijon”, and “Marsellie” could be possible choices. You can also consult an atlas to find out good names for your dog.
- Choose a French food or beverage as dog names: French people are known for their wonderful drinks and foods, you can consult a recipe book or a bar guide to find some good names, Examples are: “Béarnaise”, “Pate”, and “Baguette”. Other examples could be “Crepe”, “Quiche”, or “Champagne”.
- Choose a historical name: France is a rich repository of history and culture. Naming your dog with one of the well known historical personalities could be the right way for you to choose a dog name. Some examples are “Napoleon” “Pasteur”, “Curie”, “Eiffel” and “Dumas”.

- You can also use a traditional French name. Check out a baby name book or log on to find some really nice human names for your dog.
- You can also ask your French friend for some sweet dog name. There are many words and meanings that are not listed on the dictionary, which could easily be extracted and found out, when you talk to a person of French origin.

Germany

Dogs have domesticated in Germany for more than two thousand years, and there are several breeds of dogs that are endemic to the German soil. Some of the best dog breeds have been developed in the land of Germany and these dogs are now distributed all over the world.

German dog names are very masculine in nature and they impart the characters of strength and valor in them. Most of the wordings that are used in German dog names are rich in very strong syllables and consonants. To find out a German dog name, you can search either in one of the German web sites or over the internet, in one of the dog name web sites. You can also consult your German friend to find out some unique German words. Here are some unique German dog names that are indigenous to the German land:

Aida, Ajax, Alice, Amy, Angel, Angie, Aron, Babe, Baby, Bandit, Barney, Beauty, Benny, Berry, Billy, Bingo, Blacky, Blue, Buffy, Butch, Calvin, Candy, Chaos, Charlie, Cheese, Chelsea, Cheyenne, Cindy, Cookie, Criss-Cross, Curly and Curtis. Kafka, Goethe, Freud, Nietzsche, Amadeus, Mozart, Beethoven, Falco, Nena, Siegfried, Obelix, Baldur, Hugo, Heidi, Reinhard.

Irish

Ireland is well known for its dog breeds. Some of the most enduring dog breeds have been raised and perfected in this tiny nation. There are nine native dog breeds from Ireland: Irish wolfhound, Kerry Beagle, Irish Red & White Setter, Irish Red Setter, Irish Water Spaniel, Irish terrier, Kerry Blue, Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, and Irish Glen of Amaal Terrier. You'll need to know the history and culture of Ireland to name your dog. There are hundreds of types of dog names that can be adopted from this country.

Branigan, Casey, Callahan, Clancy, Danny Boy, Darcy, Delaney, Dublin, Erin, Finnigan, Gallagher, Galloway, Gannon, Guinness, Irish, Kelly, Kerry, McDoogle, McGuiver, O'Brien, O'Hara, O'Grady, O'Leary, O'Malley, O'Riley, O'Reilly, O'Shea, Paddy, Patrick, Shamrock, Shannon

Japan

Japan is a home to many indigenous dog breeds that are wonderful and truly affectionate. Naming a dog after a Japanese dog breed is quite difficult, as the language is full of Kanji characters. The name that you choose depends upon the complexity of Kanji characters.

Here is a list of most popular Japanese dog names:

Momo: Peach, Ringo: Apple, Ichigo: Strawberry, Mikan: Orange (fruit), Yuzu: Citrus Fruit, Mochi: Sticky Rice, Anko: Red Bean Paste, Ocha: Japanese tea, Sakura: Cherry Blossom, Ran: Orchid, Hana: Flower, Fuji: Type of flower, or Mt. Fuji, Tora: Tiger, Ryu: Dragon, Yume: Dream, Ame: Rain or Candy, Niji: Rainbow, Yuki: Snow, Mizu: Water

Scotland

Like Japan and Ireland, even Scotland is well known for its rich history of glorious dog breeds. Scottish dogs are very beautiful, hard working and very good breeds that display tremendous sagacity and a tough nature. Naming your dog with a Scottish dog is actually very easy as there are hundreds of names that are available both over internet and in books. Some of the breeds include Skye terrier, Dandie Dinmont terrier, Border collie, Golden Retriever, and Scottish deerhound.

Aberdeen, Aidan, Ailsa, Alba, Amberly Claire, Angus, Bayleigh, Blane, Bodie, Bogie, Bonnie, Boyd, Braveheart, Buffy McDuffy, Cally, Cap, Catriona, Dacey, Davina, Dougal Duffus, Dugan, Eilish, Ellie, Fingal, Hamish, Henke, Ian McDuffy, Jenny, Lochinvar Mackenzi, Macleod, Maili, Mairead, McCoy, Micheal, Molly May, Morag, Moss, Remy, Scoobs, Sid, Wallace, Wuffy, Zonda

Celebrity Dog Names

Dogs are wonderful animals that are full of fidelity and trustworthiness towards their masters. Man and dogs have formed one of most remarkable partnership in the history of mankind. Man and dog are inseparable and one single entity. The world is also full of great stories of dog and its love for men. There are legendary anecdotes and real stories of dog devoting and giving its life for the welfare of men. Dogs are also the most loved animals in the history of the world. There are chronicles and stories of dog that accompanied men wherever they went; dogs also contributed to the tremendous success of men.

Dogs have also provided inspiration and encouragement for men to achieve more in their life. In fact, dogs could also be called man's close tutor in that there are several lessons that can't be simply learnt without the help of a canine associate. Dogs are also the part of history that has provided great instances of bravery and valor. Who can forget the glorious stories of Great St.Bernard and its adventurous deeds of saving men from treacherous ravines of Alps?

Here is a section that specially deals with dogs and their endearment with men and women throughout the history of mankind. By reading this section, we hope that you'll not only get inspiration and encouragement, but also the impetus needed to achieve more in your life:

Nipper:

- He was the real voice for a great music company! He is the most famous canine who was linked to the great HMV Company. HMV and the Nipper logo has been the iconic representation of an animal in the corporate world. He was really the His Master's Voice and it continues even today!

Fluffy:

- If you're a fan of Harry Potter, you'll never fail to recognize this great dog! He was a three headed dog that zealously guarded the Philosopher's Stone at the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! One of the iconic art form in the history of literary world!

Toto:

- Also called Dorothy's dog in The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy's famous dog of a great fictional story! It is also a crazy and mischievous dog called Cairn terrier in the movie The Wizard of Oz.

Lassie:

- In spite of many Lassies in the film kingdom, this Lassie is the most original one! She was the first rough collie who starred in the 1942 movie 'Lassie Come Home'. However, male collies were also called Lassie as they looked more beautiful in cinema cameras!

Bingo:

- Another famous name which featured on the Cracker Jack box

Lady and Tramp:

- Walt Disney had a family dog named Lady and she was the clear inspiration for him to produce a great film called Lady and the Tramp. This movie has been recognized as the most revered movie that is based on a dog theme.

Rover:

- An earliest movie that a canine movie star was featured in a movie called "Rescued by Rover"

Max:

- Max was a legendary dog who featured in a famous movie called "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" in which the real name was Max

Crab:

- A well known Shakespearean Dog. Crab was a dog that appeared as a character in the famous play called "The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

Thisbe:

- Thisbe was the dog that was owned by that tragic Queen of France, Marie Antoinette, who was beheaded on the Guillotine.

Pongo and Perdita:

- In a movie called 101 Dalmations, Pongo and Perdita were the real stars. Pongo has 72 spots on his body, while Perdita has 68 and each of their puppies has 32!

Blondi:

- One of the well-known dogs of the world. In fact, this dog was Alsatian and it was owned by none other than Adolf Hitler! Adolf Hitler used Blondi to ascertain that

cyanide capsules used for suicide were lethal. Hitler then used the cyanide on to himself to commit suicide after confirming it on his dog.

Greyfriars Bobby:

- Another great movie by the famed Walt Disney. Greyfriars Bobby is a famous Skye terrier in that movie.

Flush:

- Another legendary dog that was owned by the famous English poet, Elizabeth Barrette Browning. There was a famous movie called Barrettes of Wimpole Street in her memory!

K9:

- A mechanical dog that made big news with the cult British TV series called Dr. Who. K9 soon became a famous dog after acting in this movie.

Bullseye:

- A Fictional Dog from Oliver Twist, The famed villain Bill Sykes owned this famous dog. This was also the famous novel by Charles Dickens. Though the dog was badly treated by his owner, he still remained very faithful to him for his life.

Nana:

- The Darling's Dog in Peter Pan, She was the famous dog that was owned by Darling Family in Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie.

Quoodle:

- Probably the most famous dog poem of all time! A great poem by G.K.Chesterton and the name of the poem The Song of Quoodle

Balto

- Siberian husky called Balto was the leader dog in a team of Siberian Huskies that carried the serum for Diphtheria almost 700 miles from Anchorage to Nome.

Robot:

- The Lascaux Cave Paintings were discovered by Robot at Lascaux September 12, 1940. In fact, the owner of the dog was a teenaged kid aged only 17.

Rin Tin Tin:

- He was the most famous canine movie star of all time. It was always played by an Alsatian dog called Rinty and its performance included acting in almost 24 movies.

Suening:

- The Dog King who ruled Norway for almost three years. The most famous royalty of all times!

Luath:

- He was a dog that was owned by the poet, Robert Burns. Robert Burns was a Dog Lover, who wrote a poem dedicated to dogs called The Two Dogs.

Argus:

- Odysseus's dog was known as Argus. This was mentioned in the poem called Odyssey written by Homer. In fact, Argus recognizes his master, when he comes back from a long voyage.

Anubis:

- An ancient Egyptian God, Anubis was a god with a dog's head and the God of the Dead. He is thought have been a black dog with long and sharp ears.

Black Shuck:

- The Specter Hound – Is it the real Baskerville Hound? Immortalized by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Cafall:

- Noble Dog of King Arthur. Cafall was a mighty and brave dog that was always behind his master.

Cerberus:

- The Hound of Hades- Cerberus was a strange, violent and fierce-some mixture of many creatures - having three heads of wild dogs, a dragon or serpent for a tail and heads of snakes all over his back. Hercules went all the way to Hades to kill Cerberus.

Boatswain:

- Lord Byron's Dog well-known after the poem Dog Epitaphs

Scylla:

- The She-Dragon was a part dog figure that was featured in Greek myth.

Timmy:

- Timmy was the fifth member of the Famous Five in the Famous Five series of books by Enid Blyton.

Flash:

- A Basset Hound from the TV series, The Dukes of Hazard

Hachiko:

- Japanese symbol of loyalty-Hachiko was a legendary dog of Japan. Hachiko was the loyal and faithful pet of Dr. Eisaburo Ueno, a professor at Tokyo University.

Old Shep:

- Faithful American dog-This dog waited at the railways station at Fort Benton for almost five years, after the coffin of his master was loaded onto a train.

Pickles:

- The World Cup Dog-This world famous dog discovered the Jules Rimet trophy in a bush, after it had been robbed in England during 1966.

The Bandog:

- It is a fictional mastiff that guarded the treasures buried beneath the Rock of Dunamase, an area that was occupied by Leinster Kings.

Bob:

- The Parliamentary Candidate- This dog stood for election for parliament during 1982 in England. This dog was owned by Lord David Sutch.

Toby:

- The Tycoon Dog in the World- Toby inherited a record legacy of 75 million dollars in a will that was drawn by Ella Wendall.

The Dam Buster Dog:

- Nigger was a black Labrador retriever that was used by Dam Buster Squadron of the World War II. He was owned by Squadron Leader Guy Gibson, who used this dog as a code name. Sadly this dog was killed when a truck overrun him.

Sirius:

- A 2001 World Trade Center legend- A daring dog that was attached to the Port Authority Police Department of NY City. He died on duty while searching for missing survivors.

Apollo:

- A hero of NYPD K9 Search and Rescue team-Another SAR dog that was on the scene of terrorism.

Riva and Salty:

- Guide Dog World Trade Centre heroes-Two of the well known guide dogs that saved their master's lives. Mr Roselle and Mr. Hingson were rescued by these two dogs.

Dogs in Space:

- Sputnik dogs- All famous dogs like Laika, Lisichka, Strelka, Belka, Pchelka and Mushka, Damka and Krasavka, Chernushka, Zvezdochka, Verterok and Ugolek are remembered even today for their bravery and achievement.

Dogs in Literature:

- There are a number of instances, where great poets and master story tellers have chosen dogs as their theme. Dogs are also the center points around which many interesting stories, jokes and dramas have been woven by men of scholar. Right from the days of Ancient Greek writers to present day authors, dogs have been the source of inspiration for great works of literature. Here are some examples of how dogs were used as story themes in hundreds of stories and poems:
- Seven hounds in *Malazan Book of the Fallen* by Steven Erikson: All seven dogs were Baran, Blind, Doan, Ganrod, Gear, Rood and Shan.
- Cujo, the St. Bernard in Stephen King's novel, Cujo

- Kashtanka, the main dog character in Anton Chekhov's short story of the same name.
- Lorelei, a female Rhodesian Ridgeback owned by Paul Iverson and Lexy Ransom in the novel *The Dogs of Babel*, written by Carolyn Parkhurst.
- The mad and violent dog in Oliver Goldsmith's *An Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog*.
- Toby, the dog used by Sherlock Holmes in *The Sign of Four* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Dogs in Films:

- The world of movies has given us some of the finest dog characters and they have enthralled us with stunning performances of impeccable standard. Right from the days of silent cinema to this year, we have seen great movies where dogs have been the center points of attraction. Here are some examples of how dogs have attempted to provide us the great entertainment:
- Andrew, the family dog from *Mary Poppins*.
- Beethoven, the St. Bernard hero of the *Beethoven* movie series.
- Who can forget that movie canine, Benji?
- Copernicus and Einstein in the *Back to the Future* trilogy movie series.
- Dog, Max loves dog in *Mad Max 2*, an Australian Cattle Dog.
- Fred, the Snowman's Bassett Hound in "Smokey and the Bandit"
- George, Katharine Hepburn's dog in *Bringing Up Baby*
- *Lassie Come Home* (1943), starring Elizabeth Taylor and Roddy McDowell. Lassie is always played by a male collie.
- Michelangelo, St. Bernard Beethoven's double like *The Prince and the Pauper* in *Beethoven's 4th*
- Odie, a dog from *Garfield* (film)
- Sam, the dog in *Dante's Peak* who jumps out of a bed of boiling-hot lava to safety in a passing vehicle
- Skip, Jack Russell terrier in the movie *My Dog Skip* which was adapted from the book *My Dog Skip* by Willie Morris
- Verdell, the Brussels Griffon in *As Good as It Gets*
- Sparky, the Jack Russell terrier acting with John Travolta in *Michael*
- Toto from *The Wizard of Oz*
- *Old Yeller* (1957), a children's film, originally a novel written by Fred Gipson
- Nanook, the Alaskan Malamute in *The Lost Boys*
- Moses, the chalk outline dog that acted in *Dogville*
- General Patton's Bull terrier in *Patton*; named *William the Conqueror*
- Jerry Lee, that energetic German shepherd which acted as a trained police dog in *K-9*
- Hercules, the monstrous, aggressive baseball-eating mastiff from *The Sandlot*
- Frank, the alien and foreign dog in *Men in Black*
- Buddy, the dog from the *Air Bud* movie series.
- Big Red, the Irish setter in the Disney movie series.

Dogs on Television:

- Dogs have provided great entertainment on small, silver screen as well! Dogs and pups have acted in a number of TV series and soap operas. Here are some of the most famous TV dog stars:
- Backup, the Pit Bull dog owned by Veronica on *Veronica Mars*
- Brandon the Wonder Dog, Golden Retriever on *Punky Brewster*
- Brandy from *Brandy and Mr. Whiskers*
- Buddy, Veronica Chase's Bulldog on *Veronica's Closet*
- Chester, spoiled and brat Pomeranian belonging to Cece Babcock on *The Nanny*
- Colin, the miniature schnauzer on *Spaced*
- Cynthia, Mr. Haney's Basset hound on the show *Green Acres*
- Duke, Bloodhound on *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- Max, the bulldog in *Jake and the Fatman*
- Mignon, Lisa Douglas's Yorkshire terrier on *Green Acres*
- Paul Anka, dog on "Gilmore Girls"
- Porthos, the Beagle owned by Captain Archer in *Star Trek: Enterprise*
- Porthos, the dog of James Barry in "Finding Neverland"
- Sugar, the dog in *The X-Files*
- Tramp, the Douglas family's sheepdog mix on *My Three Sons*
- Zeus and Apollo, Robin Masters' Dobermann Pinschers in *Magnum PI*
- Laddie of *The Simpsons*

Dogs in Cartoons, Animation and Muppet Shows:

- Children and young kids just love cartoon and animation shows! These are never complete without wonderful and sweet dog acting in them. Children and teenagers associate themselves with those cute dogs shown on cartoon series. Who can forget those immortal dogs, Scooby and Snowy?
- Alan Sation, the smart, Dundee-born private eye from *Sideways*
- Akamaru, Kiba Inuzuka's great dog from *Naruto*
- Andy, the faithful and sincere St. Bernard in the comic *Mark Trail*
- Astro from *The Jetsons*
- Baby Cinnamon, friend of Hello Kitty
- Barkley, a cute Muppet character from *Sesame Street*
- Bolivar, Donald Duck's dog
- Brain, from *Inspector Gadget*
- Bruno, a bloodhound cross, in Disney's *Cinderella*
- Charlie the German Shepherd from *All Dogs Go to Heaven*
- Chief, from *The Fox and the Hound*
- Copper, the hound of *The Fox and the Hound*
- Daisy, the Dagwood Bumstead family dog in *Blondie*
- Dino in *The Flintstones*, a metaphorical dog
- Dogbert, the assertive dog owned by the unassertive and indecisive Dilbert

- Dogmatix, good companion to Obelix, in the English translations of the Asterix comic books
- Dollar, the Rich family dog from *Richie Rich*
- Dr. Doppler, canine in Disney's *Treasure Planet*
- Elizabeth, the good dog from *Bob and Margaret*
- Goofy, a Disney character, a dog with human characteristics and traits
- Hotdog, Jughead's dog in the *Archie* comics
- Hong Kong Phooey, canine of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon
- Huckleberry Hound, a Hanna-Barbera cartoon role
- Idéfix, honest companion to Obelix in the French Asterix comic books
- Jock, the Scottish Terrier from *Lady and the Tramp*
- Krypto, The super pet dog of Superman, of DC comics.
- Little Brother, Mulan's dog in Disney's *Mulan*
- Marc Antony, *Looney Tunes* character
- Max, the Sheep Dog from *The Little Mermaid*
- Odie in *Garfield*
- Many characters in Disney's *Oliver and Company*
- Many characters in *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*
- Percy in Disney's *Pocahontas*
- Puff, the Poodle from *Proud Family*
- Rantanplan, of the Lucky Luke comics
- Rex, Wendy, Bob & Vince from *Rex the Run*
- Robowan, friend of Hello Kitty
- Roobarb, title character of a British cartoon
- Rocky, in Swedish comic *Rocky*
- Sandy, Little Orphan Annie's dog
- Santa's Little Helper, from *The Simpsons*
- Scooby-Doo, a Great Dane with cropped ears.
- Sharky, Annabelle's pet guard dog in *Eek! the Cat*
- Slinky in Disney's *Toy Story*
- Snowy (Milou) in *The Adventures of Tintin*
- Space Canine Patrol Agents, from DC Comics
- Spike in *Peanuts*
- Spike or Butch, bulldog from the Tom and Jerry cartoons
- Trusty, the Bloodhound from *Lady and the Tramp*
- All characters in Disney's *Toy Story* and *Toy Story 2*
- Tramp, from *Lady and the Tramp*
- Wile E. Coyote in the Road Runner cartoon
- William, the dog from *Bob and Margaret*
- Wolfram Blitzen, the co-anchor in *Newshounds*.

Common Resource Links

Are you fed up of those same old dog names that are usually repeated almost everywhere? Do you wish to find a good name for your dog that is not only sweet but also very catchy and meaningful? Here are some resource links that might help in finding a good name. These links will also help you learn more about dog names and their real meanings.

- <http://www.dog-names.us/> - Dog names neatly arranged in free searchable database and a comprehensive list of over 6000 popular dog names, with their real meanings, including categories such as female dog names, male dog names, German dog etc.
- <http://www.petnamesworld.com/> - Wonderful site offering a heap of dog name suggestions, both for male and female.
- http://www.geocities.com/dog_names/ - 1000 and more suggestions for naming your dog or puppy.
- <http://www.doggynames.com/> - This superb offers you thousands of dog names and puppy names neatly arranged in an easy search database that lists dog name popularity, dog name meanings and dog name categories.
- <http://www.dog-names.us/popular-dog-names/> - An absolutely free and famous dog names list and access to the popular dog names database with over 6000 popular dog names with meanings.
- <http://pets.htmlplanet.com/> - Check this wonderful dog name site.
- <http://www.puppy--names.com/> - Find out plenty of useful information in this site.
- <http://www.wellwellwell.com/petnames/> - A great site for dog name related information and details.
- <http://www.pet-net.net/namethatpet.htm> - Another great site designed to help dog owners to find a good name

There are hundreds of dog name forums and clubs scattered around the internet database. Apart from online sources, you can also join one of those pet dog clubs in your neighborhood and discuss about dog names with active members. Alternatively, you can also purchase many dog related magazine and books to search for a great name.

One of the best sources to find a good name is your breeders themselves. More often, a breeder is the right person who can tell you a lot of things about dogs. Most probably, your pup would have got its own name when you purchased him. Kennel clubs mandate that all breeding pens must have its own name prefixed to a pup's name. When you buy your pup, ask for the breeder's name and get your doubts clarified, before you leave the breeder's premises.

Dog names resource lists are also available in a public library located in your neighborhood. Veterinarians and professional grooming workers are the other people who come in regular contact with hundreds of pet dogs. Ask these people about their views on a particular name.

Famous Dog Name Books



When Rover Just Won't Do: Over 2,000 Suggestions for Naming Your Puppy
by: Danny Scalisi, Libby Moses



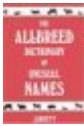
Bow Wow: The Somewhat Comprehensive Book of Dog Names
by: Faye Passow



1000 Dog Names: From A to Z
by: Gerd Ludwig, Sharon Vanderlip



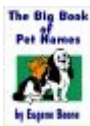
Finally! Names for Dogs
by: Mimi Fontaine



The All-Breed Dictionary Of Unusual Names
by: Gloria Jarrett



Name That Dog: Dogs of Presidents, Kings, Queens, Governors and Celebrities
by: Lynne M. Hamer



The Big Book of Pet Names – A Guide to Names for Pets: Dogs, Cats, Birds, Fish, Horses...
The Most In-depth Guide to Names for Animals & Meanings
by: Eugene Boone



Name That Pet!
Author: Naomi Jone