

20 Things TO CONSIDER

Before you decide to have a dog join your family

Choosing to welcome a dog into your home is a rewarding decision that comes with significant commitment and responsibilities.

At Jordan Dog Training, we're dedicated to ensuring prospective dog owners are well-prepared for the journey of pet ownership. Below are twenty important considerations to make before you decide to have a dog join your family.

1 Time Commitment

Dogs require daily care, including walks, playtime, feeding, and companionship. Ensure you have the time to devote to these essential activities.

4 Long-Term Commitment

Dogs can live for many years. Consider your future plans to ensure you can provide a forever home throughout the dog's life.

7 Home Safety

Dog-proof your home to create a safe environment for your new pet, removing hazards and securing dangerous items.

10 Social Life Impact

Consider how your social activities will accommodate your dog's need for companionship and attention.

14 Emergency Preparedness

Have an emergency plan that includes your dog, ensuring their safety during unexpected situations.

18 Behavioural Challenges

Be ready to manage any behavioural challenges with patience, consistent training, and possibly the assistance of a professional dog trainer.

2 Financial Responsibility

Be prepared for the ongoing costs associated with dog ownership, such as food, veterinary care, grooming, training, and insurance, as well as unexpected expenses.

5 Family Agreement

Ensure all family members are on board with the decision to bring a dog into your home and understand the responsibilities that accompany pet ownership.

8 Health Care

Prepare to meet your dog's health care needs, including regular veterinary visits and emergency care.

11 Breed-Specific Needs

Research dog breeds thoroughly to find one that matches your lifestyle, including the breed's temperament, exercise needs, and health considerations.

15 Exercise Needs

Ensure you can provide daily exercise to match the needs of the dog breed you are considering.

19 Impact on Other Pets

Consider the impact of a new dog on any existing pets, ensuring all animals can live harmoniously.

3 Lifestyle Compatibility

Select a dog breed that fits well with your lifestyle, considering your living space, activity level, and the breed's specific needs.

6 Training and Socialisation

Commit to properly training and socialising your dog to ensure they become well-behaved and sociable pets.

9 Travel and Holiday Arrangements

Plan for your dog's care when you travel or go on holiday, considering pet-friendly accommodations or reliable pet-sitting services.

12 Space Requirements

Ensure your home and yard are suitable for a dog to live comfortably and safely.

16 Grooming Requirements

Be prepared to meet the grooming needs of your chosen breed, including regular brushing, bathing, and professional grooming services.

20 The Right Reasons and Emotional Well-being

Adopt a dog for the right reasons, focusing on companionship and a commitment to providing a loving, lifelong home. Recognise that dogs are sentient beings requiring love, attention, and care. Addressing their physical and emotional needs is essential to prevent issues related to neglect, such as loneliness and behavioural problems.

Choosing the Right Breed and the Value of Fostering

Ensure the breed you are considering is suitable for your lifestyle, home, yard, and future.

Fostering a rescue dog is a great way to see if pet ownership is right for you, offering insights into the responsibilities of pet care while helping a dog in need.

Engaging With a Community of Dog Owners

Joining a community of dog owners can provide support, advice, and socialisation opportunities for you and your dog.

It emphasises the importance of understanding your dog's psychological needs and the positive impact of a supportive, engaged pet community.

13 Legal Responsibilities

Familiarise yourself with local laws regarding dog ownership, including registration requirements and leash laws.

17 Dietary Needs

Provide a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for your dog's age, size, and health requirements.



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Welcome to the enriching journey of dog ownership!

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