# Checklist
**How to Find a Suitable Dog**

Complete this checklist and take it to your vet. Together you can find the dog that best matches your family and lifestyle.

## Function:
- Companion
- Guard dog
- Sports
- Hunting
- Play and walk
- Other: ____________________________

## Size:
- Small
- Medium
- Large

## Gender:
- Male
- Female
- No preference

## Age:
- Puppy
- Adult
- Older
- No preference

## Purebred/Mixed:
- Purebred
- Mixed
- No preference

## Fur Type:
- Longhair
- Shorthair
- Wire-haired
- No preference

## Shedding?
- Yes
- No

## Family Members Allergic to Dogs?
- Yes
- No

## Frequency of Dog Walking?
- Multiple times a day
- Once a day
- Multiple times a week
- Once a week
- Less than once a week
- Less than once a month

## Living Situation:
- Only inside
- Mostly inside
- Only outside
- Mostly Outside
- Other: ____________________________

## Walking/Biking:
- Short/around the corner
- 1 - 5 km per trip
- More than 5 km per trip

## Character:
- Stubborn
- Strong
- Social
- Child Friendly
- Affectionate
- Zest for work
- Active
- Independent
- Focus on one Owner
- Intelligent
- Other: ____________________________
**WHAT TYPE OF OWNER ARE YOU?**
- I like to spoil my dog.
- My dog needs to listen but I lack consistency
- A dog needs to listen always, I am the boss

**YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION**
- Apartment/small house no yard
- Small (fenced) yard
- Large (fenced) yard
- Dog run or kennel

**HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT SPENT IN TRAINING YOUR DOG?**
- My dog needs to fit in our family and our lifestyle
- I want to go to dog training
- I will have little time for training

**THE DOG NEEDS TO STAY ALONE?**
- Seldom/never
- Max 6 hours
- Max 3 hours
- More than 6 hours

**EXPERIENCE WITH DOGS?**
- Little/none
- Multiple

**HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU WANT TO SPEND?**
- Little
- Does not matter

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Do not forget that a dog does not come for free.
A big breed will cost more than a small breed.
Consider the following: purchase price; food; accessories (bed, leash, toys, ...);
fur care; vet; medicines; fence; kennel; training; insurance; ...