

Breed temperament was determined using the American Temperament Test Society's (ATTS) cumulative test result data since 1977, and breed popularity was determined using the American Kennel Club's (AKC) 2018 ranking based on total breed registrations.

Number Tested



American Kennel Club 50% Popularity Passed

60%

70%

80%

90%

100% Passed

NOTE: We excluded breeds that had fewer than 30 individual dogs tested.

The Temperament Test (conducted by the American Temperament Test Society) measures "stability, shyness, aggressiveness, and friendliness" as well as the dog's instinct for "protectiveness" towards its handler and/or self-preservation in the face of a threat. The test simulates a walk through a park or neighborhood where everyday life situations occur. The dog experiences visual, auditory, and tactile stimuli. Friendly, neutral, and threatening situations are encountered, testing the dog's ability to handle each appropriately. A dog fails if they show unprovoked aggression, panic without recovery, or strong avoidance. Other dogs are not involved in the test. Participating dogs must be spayed or neutered and at least 18 months old.

Sources:
To read more about the Temperament Test and watch a video, go here:
<https://atts.org/tt-test-description/>
<https://www.akc.org/most-popular-breeds/2018-full-list/>



No. Breed	Percentage Passed
1. Labrador Retriever	- 92.20%
2. German Shepherd Dog	- 85.30%
3. Mixed Breed	- 86.30%
4. Golden Retriever	- 85.60%
5. French Bulldog	- 96.20%
6. Bulldog	- 71.60%
7. Beagle	- 79.70%
8. Poodle (Miniature)	- 76.70%
9. Poodle (Standard)	- 87.20%
10. Poodle (Toy)	- 78.90%
11. Rottweiler	- 84.70%
12. German Shorthaired Pointer	- 78.10%
13. Yorkshire Terrier	- 83.70%
14. Boxer	- 83.90%
15. Dachshund (all varieties)	- 80.00%
16. Pembroke Welsh Corgi	- 79.60%
17. Siberian Husky	- 86.80%
18. Australian Shepherd	- 82.20%
19. Great Dane	- 81.50%
20. Doberman Pinscher	- 79.50%
21. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	- 85.50%
22. Miniature Schnauzer	- 79.30%

23. Shih Tzu	- 77.60%
24. Boston Terrier	- 86.30%
25. Bernese Mountain Dog	- 86.60%
26. Pomeranian	- 77.80%
27. Shetland Sheepdog	- 68.90%
28. Brittany Spaniel	- 91.00%
29. English Springer Spaniel	- 85.20%
30. Pug	- 91.7%
31. Mastiff	- 86.70%
32. Cocker Spaniel	- 82.00%
33. English Cocker Spaniel	- 93.30%
34. Vizsla	- 85.20%
35. Cane Corso	- 88.1%
36. Chihuahua	- 69.60%
37. Border Collie	- 82.40%
38. Weimaraner	- 80.80%
39. Collie	- 80.80%
40. Basset Hound	- 86.50%
41. Newfoundland	- 87.50%
42. Rhodesian Ridgeback	- 84.20%
43. West Highland White Terrier	- 89.70%
44. Belgian Malinois	- 94.10%
45. Chesapeake Bay Retriever	- 87.80%

46. Bichon Frise	- 76.70%
47. Akita	- 77.80%
48. Saint Bernard	- 84.90%
49. Bloodhound	- 75.00%
50. Portuguese Water Dog	- 77.90%
51. Bullmastiff	- 80.10%
52. Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	- 73.00%
53. Papillon	- 82.30%
54. Australian Cattle Dog	- 79.60%
55. Dalmatian	- 83.30%
56. Scottish Terrier	- 65.70%
57. Alaskan Malamute	- 84.80%
58. Samoyed	- 80.30%
59. Airedale Terrier	- 78.20%
60. Whippet	- 86.20%
61. Bull Terrier	- 91.60%
62. Chinese Shar-Pei	- 71.00%
63. Great Pyrenees	- 84.90%
64. Dogue de Bordeaux	- 78.00%
65. Cardigan Welsh Corgi	- 80.50%
66. Cairn Terrier	- 75.50%
67. Miniature Pinscher	- 82.50%
68. Old English Sheepdog	- 77.60%

69. Great Swiss Mountain Dog	- 82.80%
70. Chow Chow	- 71.70%
71. Irish Wolfhound	- 90.10%
72. English Setter	- 81.30%
73. Irish Setter	- 90.90%
74. Giant Schnauzer	- 77.40%
75. Chinese Crested Dog	- 76.50%
76. American Pit Bull Terrier	- 87.40%
77. Staffordshire Bull Terrier	- 90.90%
78. Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	- 78.90%
79. Bouvier des Flandres	- 85.40%
80. American Staffordshire Terrier	- 85.50%
81. Basenji	- 68.90%
82. Border Terrier	- 91.60%
83. Standard Schnauzer	- 71.10%
84. Anatolian Shepherd Dog	- 83.30%
85. Flat-Coated Retriever	- 92.00%
86. Keeshond	- 81.60%
87. Norwegian Elkhound	- 74.60%
88. Borzoi	- 90.10%
89. Schipperke	- 91.50%
90. Belgian Tervuren	- 81.40%
91. Welsh Terrier	- 76.30%

92. Afghan Hound	- 72.70%
93. Gordon Setter	- 83.60%
94. Jack Russell Terrier	- 85.50%
95. Black Russian Terrier	- 93.90%
96. Saluki	- 68.70%
97. Boerboel	- 94.70%
98. American Eskimo	- 82.60%
99. Fox Terrier (Smooth)	- 77.60%
100. Beauceron	- 90.60%
101. Belgian Sheepdog	- 81.00%
102. Bearded Collie	- 56.90%
103. Kerry Blue Terrier	- 73.50%
104. Briard	- 81.70%
105. Manchester Terrier	- 87.10%
106. German Pinscher	- 81.90%
107. Greyhound	- 79.70%
108. Italian Greyhound	- 81.50%
109. Ibizan Hound	- 91.20%
110. Scottish Deerhound	- 85.30%
111. Irish Water Spaniel	- 90.00%
112. Curly-Coated Retriever	- 91.70%
113. Kuvasz	- 78.40%
114. Pharaoh Hound	- 81.80%

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