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## **Writing sample: Small Dogs Are Great for Kids**

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There's no denying that children and dogs go together, but the best pet for kids doesn't have to be a big Labrador. There are plenty of small dog breeds that love children and won't accidentally knock over little kids. Some small breeds are very protective of their owners, which means they aren't ideal for families, but the following dogs are friendly towards strangers and children, and like lots of cuddles and attention.

The French Bulldog and Pug are affectionate and don't need as much exercise as other breeds. The Miniature Schnauzer, Corgi and Poodle are also good with kids and need lots of mental stimulation. If you want a more active dog to match your children's energy, consider the Beagle, Shih Tzu and Boston Terrier.

For children with allergies, the Miniature Schnauzer and Bichon Frise require more grooming, but don't tend to trigger allergy symptoms. Any of these breeds will happily bond with children, play with them every day and love them for life.