

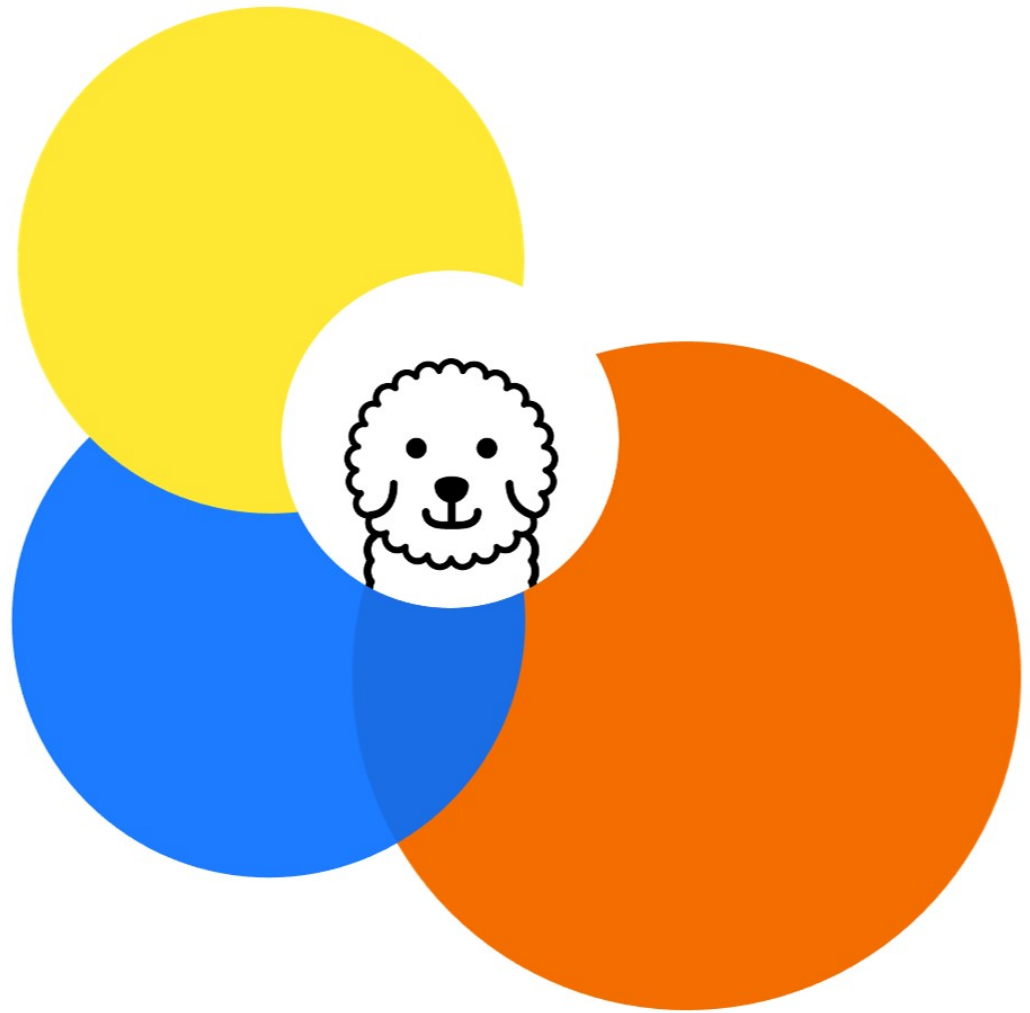
# MABEL'S OFFICIAL BREED BREAKDOWN

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German Shepherd Dog

 26%  
Australian Shepherd

 25%  
Norwegian Elkhound



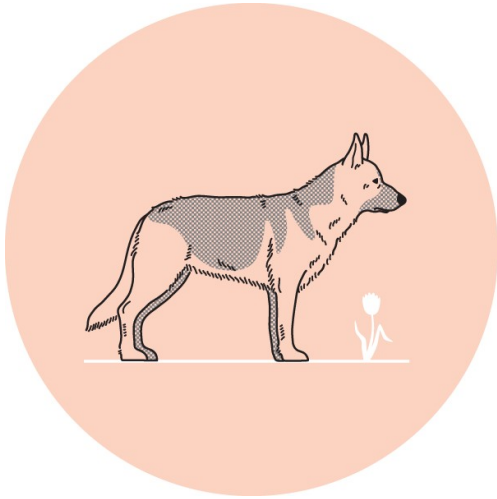
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# 49%

Mabel is an intelligent, playful, and enthusiastic dog.

## German Shepherd Dog

As loyal and protective as they come, the German Shepherd Dog makes for a wonderful companion, a dedicated family pet, and a diligent worker. One of the most popular dog breeds around the world, the German Shepherd gained its stardom during World War I when Corporal Lee Duncan brought a puppy back to Los Angeles France, trained him, and turned him into Rin Tin Tin - one of the most famous dogs in show business. In addition to celebrity, the German Shepherd holds many other jobs including guide dog,

detectors of narcotics and bombs, search and rescue dogs, and therapy dogs due to their immense intelligence and strong work ethic.

## How They Show Their Personality

Their athletic builds and extreme intelligence mean they excel in many dog activities including Schutzhund, tracking, obedience, agility, flyball, and ring sport.

They are highly intelligent, loyal, and dedicated to their people.

They make excellent guard dogs Due to their intimidating stature, powerful bark, and protective disposition.



## How To Care For Them

They require plenty of exercise to keep their boredom at bay. German Shepherds are extremely loyal and protective of their families, and suspicious of strangers, especially in the company of their people.

If German Shepherds become bored or frustrated, they might take it out on your home by chewing or barking excessively. They thrive in active households that can give them at least an hour of exercise every day as well as plenty of time and attention.

These heavy shedders have thick coats that need to be brushed 2-3 times per week, and they tend to shed more heavily in the spring and autumn.

## How To Build Your Bond

Through socialization and obedience training, German Shepherds make amazing family dogs and companions.

They are tough competition in all aspects of the canine arena, whether they're participating in agility, obedience, flyball, or scenting trials.

Train alongside your German Shepherd and make them your new jogging, hiking, biking, or running partner and you'll have a loyal canine companion by your side.

## How To Keep Them Healthy

The German Shepherd Dog is a healthy, hardy breed overall but is known to experience some hereditary health conditions.

They may suffer from aortic Stenosis, an abnormal narrowing of the aortic valve which may impede the flow of blood to the arteries. As a large breed, they are prone to hip and elbow dysplasia and GDV/ bloat.

They may also have chronic eczema and flea allergies.



# German Shepherd Dog



## What Makes Them Special

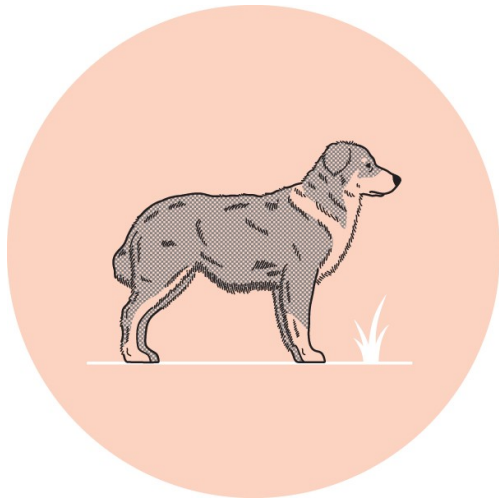
German Shepherds come in a variety of colors including white, black, liver and blue. They are one of the most popular and easily recognizeable dog breeds in the world.

WEIGHT  
50-90 lbs

HEIGHT  
22-26 inches

LIFESPAN  
8-12 years

BREED GROUP  
Herding



26%

## Australian Shepherd

Australian Shepherds were originally bred to herd livestock over vast distances. They are working dogs at heart and shine in a home where their intelligence and energy are put to use. An excellent companion, the Australian Shepherd, or "Aussie", is easygoing and loves to play. They are true puppies at heart and absolutely love to be in the company of their people. Aussies are intelligent, eager to please, and seem to sense what is expected of them.

### How They Show Their Personality

Aussies are anything but couch potatoes and can seldom be found sitting still. If there isn't a job to do, an Australian Shepherd may just invent one - herding the kids or other animals, chasing cars, or destroying the house. Not only are Aussies amazing herders, but they also excel in competitive dog sports such as agility and flyball as well as service jobs like a guide dog, hearing dog, or search and rescue dog.

### How To Care For Them

Their background in herding makes them extremely intelligent, independent, and loyal. They may be firm when working with livestock, but their gentle demeanour always comes through with humans. They can be quite protective of their home and family, though, and can be aloof with strangers. Aussies tend to bark if they hear or see something suspicious and make great watchdogs.



# Australian Shepherd



## How To Build Your Bond

The Aussie's gentle, loyal, and playful personalities make them great family dogs. They thrive in active households that can cater to their need for plenty of mental and physical exercise. These intelligent pups excel in all aspects of the canine sports arena and love it when their owners get right down into the ring with them.

## How To Keep Them Healthy

The Australian Shepherd is an exceptionally healthy breed overall. They may be prone to hip dysplasia, epilepsy, Collie Eye Anomaly, and cataracts. Merle Aussies are more prone to deafness.

## What Makes Them Special

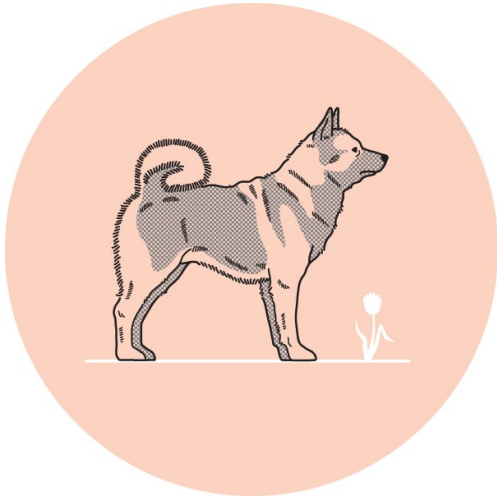
Despite its name, the Australian Shepherd did not originate in Australia but is actually American. It is thought this breed was developed from Collies and Shepherd type dogs imported to America with shipments of sheep.

WEIGHT  
40-65 pounds

HEIGHT  
18-23 inches

LIFESPAN  
12-15 years

BREED GROUP  
Herding



## Norwegian Elkhound

Originally bred to hunt moose and other large game, the Norwegian Elkhound is extremely smart and has a delightful sense of humour. They are exceptionally devoted to and protective of their family. They make great guard dogs, especially since they are barkers. Unfortunately, the breed's numbers have dwindled significantly over recent years and they have become quite a rare breed.

25%

### How They Show Their Personality

The Norwegian Elkhound may be reserved toward strangers but is enthusiastically friendly to those it knows. They are loyal and sensitive and may become upset if they feel that they have been treated unfairly. They are fairly independent with a mind of their own, and are very adventurous and love to roam around outdoors.

### How To Care For Them

Early training is necessary as Norwegian Elkhounds are independent thinkers and will take over your home if given the chance. Adequate exercise is necessary, especially since Norwegian Elkhounds have incredible stamina they can play for hours. Their thick, well-insulated coats require several brushings per week to prevent tangles, and they usually shed more heavily during the spring and autumn months.



## How To Build Your Bond

Because of their affectionate, loving nature, Norwegian Elkhounds make great family dogs and companion pets. They do very well with children, but they are wary of other dogs (especially of the same sex) and could be aggressive if not socialized properly.

Provide plenty of outdoor time and lots of fun, frequent training sessions and you'll have a loyal canine companion by your side.

## How To Keep Them Healthy

The Norwegian Elkhound is a healthy, hardy breed overall but may be prone to hip and elbow dysplasia, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), cancer, heart issues, and a kidney disorder called Fanconi Syndrome.

## What Makes Them Special

The Norwegian Elkhound is one of the ancient Northern Spitz-type breeds and is the National Dog of Norway. This breed is part of Viking culture and the rich history of Norway. They have very wolf-like characteristics, particularly in their facial features.

WEIGHT  
48-55 lbs

HEIGHT  
19.5-20.5 inches

LIFESPAN  
12-15 years

BREED GROUP  
Hound