WHEN WALKS AREN'T ENOUGH

BREED APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES

Giving your dog an outlet for their genetic needs won't teach them problematic behaviors; instead, it will help them channel energy appropriately!

TERRIERS

Terriers love to dig - it's in their genes! To help sway them from digging up your garden, you can give them a designated digging area in a sandbox or kiddie pool. Let them shred up some junk mail or buy thrift store toys that won't bother you if destroyed.

EXAMPLES:

- Rat Terrier
- Yorkshire Terrier
- Skye Terrier
- Cairn Terrier
- Border Terrier
- Airedale Terrier



HERDING DOGS

Herding dogs like control and order in their environment. Try playing games like treibball, teaching them to collect toys and giving them clear jobs like lying down when guests arrive rather than herding them.

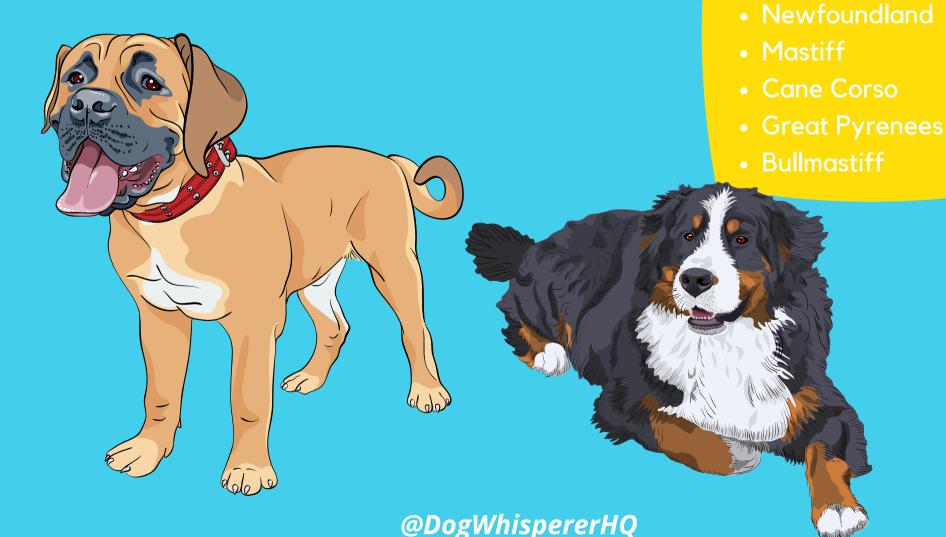
<u>EXAMPLES</u>:

- Border Collie
- Australian Shepherd
- German Shepherd
- Koolie
- Kelpie
- Belgian Malinois

Herding dogs love being involved and need to keep their active brains busy!

GUARDIAN BREEDS

Guardian Breeds like to "patrol," so they will enjoy going for walks on the same route. The also tend to enjoy sniffing for their meals from a snuffle mat which are easier on their bodies than other games.



EXAMPLES:

Bernese Mountain Dog

• St. Bernard

TOY BREEDS

These sensitive and emotional little dogs thrive on comfort and interactive play, but don't underestimate their zest for life! They also will enjoy puzzle toys and interactive games with their humans.



- Chihuahua
- Papillion
- Pug
- Shih Tzu
- Maltese
- Pomeranian



SCENT HOUNDS

Lay out treat trails through your yard that lead to a prize or hide small pieces of food throughout your apartment as a game for them to sniff out. These breeds love using their nose to follow a trail, so indulge them in these types of games to burn their energy!

Sniffing is the name of the game here!

<u>EXAMPLES</u>:

- Bloodhound
- Coonhound
- Beagle
- Basset Hound

SIGHTHOUNDS

These dogs are bred to catch sight of prey on the horizon and chase after it.

They will love games like lure coursing, where they chase a small toy that races across a field. Many sighthounds will also be happy with short, sprinting based games whether they're chasing you or a toy!

<u>EXAMPLES</u>:

- Greyhound
- Whippet
- Saluki
- Wolfhound
- Afghan Hound



GUN DOGS

Loving, bright and playful - gun dogs are practically puppies their entire lives!

Most love retrieving, but the spaniels, pointers and setters need to practice their flushing skills. They will love nothing more than to run through a field looking for birds (in an enclosed area).

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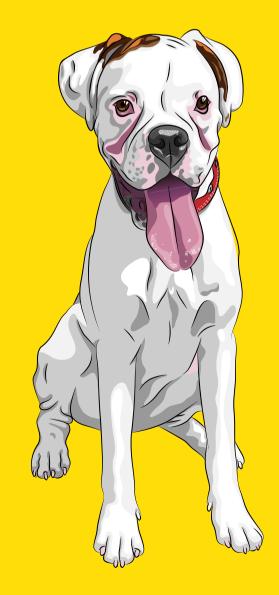
- Poodles
- Retrievers
- Spaniels
- Setters
- Pointers

BULL DOGS

These breeds tend to be cuddly and lazy, until the moment they're hyped up on energy. When the intermittent energy strikes, indulge them in games like tug of war, wall climb, flirt or string poles. These dogs love pulling and chomping, and will love the exercise.

EXAMPLES:

- Pitbulls
- Boxers
- Bulldogs
- Staffordshire Terriers





NATURAL DOGS

Many of these dogs are independent and love hunting. They love to shred their toys as well. Give them old cereal boxes or junk mail to chew. This group is varied, so independent research is recommended!

EXAMPLES:

- Huskies
- Basenji
- Chow Chow
- Malamute

WORLD DOGS

Many of the dogs around the world were never domesticated into breeds. Most are independent opportunists and will love hunting and shredding games. Let them take the lead and show you what they like!



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