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Nothing beats a dog's love and companionship. However, living in an apartment can present unique challenges when choosing the right breed.

No worries; plenty of breeds are ideally suited to this lifestyle.

The secret is choosing an adaptable, low-maintenance, and happy mutt to relax in your cozy space.

Whether you are an ardent jogger, an outdoor enthusiast, or need a non-shedding dog, there's sure to be a breed on this list that's perfect for you.

Let's walk through owning a dog in an apartment and what to consider when getting one.

## What to Consider When Choosing an Apartment-Dwelling Dog

There are several factors to consider when choosing your furry companion when living in an apartment, including:

* **Size**

Size doesn't always matter when finding the best dogs for apartments. Some of the best apartment dogs are smaller breeds requiring minimum space to roam free.

Breeds like the Chihuahua, Toy Poodle and Yorkshire Terrier are excellent choices for apartment living.

But it's not just small dogs that make good apartment dogs.

Some medium breeds, such as Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, and Boxer, can also do well in smaller spaces with enough exercise.

On the other hand, large breeds such as The Great Dane, Greyhound, and Scottish Deerhound do well in apartments. While calm with minimum exercise requirements, they can be pretty vocal, making them an unwise choice if you have close neighbors.

* **Energy Level and Barking**

A dog's energy level and barking can affect you, the dog's well-being, and your neighbors.

High-energy dogs may have difficulty adapting to apartment living as they require more exercise and space to burn off their energy. They typically become bored and restless in smaller living spaces, leading to destructive behavior and excessive barking.

Dogs that bark a lot can be a significant problem with neighbors, leading to complaints. Some breeds are more prone to barking than others. Breeds like Basenjis and Greyhounds are known for their low barking tendencies, while breeds like Beagles and Dachshunds are high-barking.

* **Breed Temperament**

A breed's temperament matters in how well they adjust to apartment living.

After all, high-energy dogs are likely much more challenging to live in an apartment than calm and quiet dogs.

These are the best dogs for apartment living, considering their temperament:

* Labrador Retriever
* Pug
* Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
* Old English Sheepdog
* Shih tzus
* Maltese
* Basset Hound

These breeds are easygoing, good-natured, calm, quiet, and low-energy, making them your paw-fect choices.

* **Shedding**

If you aren't a fan of dog hair, then avoid breeds such as American Eskimo, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, and Saint Bernard. Instead, consider Poodles, Bichon Frises, or Shih Tzus.

Besides being high maintenance, shedding affects your health and the apartment's cleanliness. The shed hair can be challenging to clean up, and some breeds' oily skin can leave residues on furniture and carpets.

With excessive shedding comes poor air quality, as the hair and dander can circulate in the air, triggering allergies and respiratory problems. It's worse If you live in a community space where the hair can enter common areas and other people's apartments.

**Maintenance requirements**

Some breeds, such as Poodles and Shih Tzus, require more grooming, while border collies and Australian shepherds have high energy levels and require frequent exercise and playtime.

On the other hand, breeds, such as bulldogs and pugs, may be prone to health issues requiring frequent veterinarian check-ups.

In short, high-maintenance breeds require more space and attention and can be prone to excessive barking and health challenges.

Every dog is different, and some high-maintenance breeds may adapt well to apartment living with the proper care and attention. However, carefully consider their living situation and needs before committing to one.

* **Cost**

While you'll incur some initial costs when getting your new furry buddy, it won't cost you an arm and a leg if you:

* Choose a breed that doesn't require a lot of space to move freely, especially small and medium-sized breeds.
* Choose a low-maintenance breed.
* Consider adopting an adult dog from a shelter or rescue organization. These dogs are often already house-trained and have good manners, saving you a lot of time and money in the long run.

So, if you're looking for a great apartment-friendly dog that won't break the bank, consider Chihuahuas, Pugs, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

## Time to Get Your Perfect Match

Any of the breeds on our comprehensive list would make a great furry buddy for all your urban adventures.

So, go and find your perfect match today!

Remember, choosing the right breed is just the first step. Training your pup ensures a happy coexistence in your apartment. At Club Pup, we offer professional training services for puppies of all ages, breeds, and sizes. Contact us to learn how our experts can help with potty and crate training and food and toy recommendations.

## FAQs

* **Which dog is best for apartment living?**

The best apartment dog is a calm, quiet small to medium-sized dog with minimum exercise requirements.

Choose between:

* Affenpinscher
* American Eskimo Dog
* Australian Terrier
* Basset Hound
* Beagle, Bichon Frise
* Boston Terrier
* Brussels Griffon
* Bulldog
* Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
* Chihuahua
* Chinese Crested Dog
* Coton de Tulear
* Dachshund
* French Bulldog
* Havanese
* Italian Greyhound
* Jack Russell Terrier
* Japanese Chin
* Lhasa Apso
* Maltese
* Terrier (Manchester, Miniature, Norfolk, Norwich, Silky)
* Pinscher
* Papillon
* Pekingese
* Pomeranian Shih Tzu
* Toy Fox
* Welsh Corgi
* **What is the quietest dog for an apartment?**

There is no definitive answer here. Every dog breed has unique personalities and energy levels.

Nonetheless, some quiet dogs to consider include:

* + Affenpinscher
  + American Eskimo Dog
  + Australian Terrier
  + Basset Hound
  + Beagle
  + Bichon Frise
  + Boston Terrier
  + Brussels Griffon
  + Bulldog
  + Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
* **What is the most low-maintenance dog?**

The most low-maintenance apartment-fitting mutt is a small dog with low exercise demands, such as a Chihuahua or Toy Poodle.

* **What dog is best left alone?**

Understandably your busy schedule can't allow you to move around with your furry companion.

The best dog to live alone in your apartment is calm and quiet. You can live with such a dog and run your errands with peace of mind knowing your buddy is safe, sound, and relaxing in the apartment.

* **What are the worst dog breeds for apartments?**

Not every four-legged friend is comfy staying in an apartment setting. They simply cannot adjust to the limited space and close quarters.

Some of the worst dog breeds for apartments include:

* Labrador Retriever
* German Shepherd
* Beagle
* Bulldog
* Boxer
* Dalmatian
* Doberman Pinscher
* Great Dane
* Greyhound
* Newfoundland