



# All about **Rottweiler**

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# The Rottweiler Dog

## About the Rottweiler Dog

### Introduction

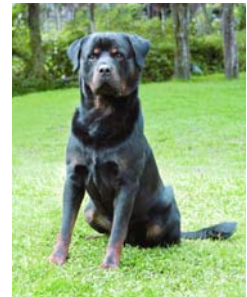
The Rottweiler is a wonderful companion dog. They are also great guard dogs. This breed carries a great deal of legal and moral issues for its owner. This complimentary e-book will not only inform you on this intriguing breed, but also guide you as to how to be a great pet parent. We hope you enjoy this e-book as much as we enjoyed writing it for you. We want to ensure that the new pet parent brings up a happy, healthy and loving Rottweiler.

### General Rottweiler Characteristics

Rottweilers originate as far back as the Middle ages and are descendants of the Mastiff breed. They are grouped as working dogs. The body structure of the Rottweiler is that of a muscular and athletic build. A distinctive characteristic of the Rottweiler is its broad head and rounded forehead. Rottweilers have very sharp teeth and dark eyes. They have color markings on their cheeks, muzzles, paws, chest, neck and legs. These markings can be tan or mahogany. This coloration is due to a gene deficiency. These dogs have smooth, black coats, are very trainable and have calm dispositions. They are very protective and are very loyal to their owners and families. Rottweilers are commonly used in the military, police, and customs. As long as they are socialized properly, they do well around children. Around strangers and in new situations, Rottweilers can be reserved or a bit intimidating. They do well in competitions and are good when it comes to obedience, tracking and schutzhund. They have no problems adapting to apartment living, as long as exercise is part of daily activities.

Summary of the Rottweilers General Characteristics.

Average Weight	95-115 pounds	Temperament	Loyal, intelligent, confident and calm
Average Height	24-27 inches	Loyal to owner and family	Good with family, very protective, apprehensive around strangers
Coat	Black, smooth, color variation of tan or mahogany around muzzle, paws, neck	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, ACL damage, entropion(narrowing of slit between eyes)



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## Selecting Your Rottweiler Puppy – Adoption or a Breeder?

It's all about personal preference when deciding to either adopt a Rottweiler or to select one from a reputable breeder.

### A Few Words About Adoption:

When deciding to adopt, you should start your search within your own community. Adoption shelters and community rescue centers are a good place to start. You may also find such places as your local library, the newspaper or the internet, useful tools to aide in your adoption decision. Family and friends can be a great source of information as well. When considering adoption of your pet, understand that not all pets in rescue centers or shelters were abused, some have simply been left behind by families that may have experienced life changing events and could no longer care for their pets. The positive attribute to adoption, it is significantly less expensive than buying from a breeder. Ultimately, the decision will be yours.

### A Few Words About Breeders:

Choosing to purchase a Rottweiler from a breeder is a beneficial decision as well. By doing so, you are not only getting a 100% pure breed in most cases, but you are also assured the dog will be healthy and well-trained. There is an array of screening methods one can use when choosing a breeder. When selecting a breeder, make sure they are reputable. Your breeder should be knowledgeable about the Rottweiler's genetics and nutrition. A reputable breeder will make certain their pups have all the immunizations and inoculations. Be sure that your breeder gives individual attention to the socialization and raising of their pups, and have them give assurance that their pups are brought up in clean and healthy environments. It is also important that interaction with people and other pets be part of the breeding process. Choose wisely, and be informed before you buy.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when choosing your pet is to select the right pet for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. Select a pet that fits your lifestyle.

## How To Choose Your New Rottweiler Pup

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for. When choosing your Rottweiler pup, be sure you are choosing carefully. The following are signs to look out for in a healthy dog:

- Bright and clear eyes
- Ears that are clean and no signs of parasites
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- Too plump of a stomach can indicate obesity and over eating
- Look at the puppies' facial expressions and tail, they are almost always signs of how that puppy is feeling

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You will want to remove clutter from floors. Wires and cords should be kept out of sight and not in places where puppies can get to them. You will probably want to secure cabinets that are at the puppy's height level to ensure he can not pry them open. Keep plants out of reach as well; plants can be very dangerous for dogs, especially if they are poisonous.

You will need to make a trip to the pet store to pick necessities your puppy may need. Things such as play toys, grooming materials, crates and kennels, are just some of the basic things your dog needs. Puppy food, training products and toys, are also essential.

Daily exercise is key to keeping your pup healthy. You don't want to overexert your Rottweiler pup at first by taking him out several times a day. Introducing your puppy to the vet and the grooming process is best done early on. Following the breeder's and veterinarian's advice on nutrition will ensure your pup maintains a healthy diet. If your dog has allergies, you might need to feed him with dog food with special dietary ingredients.

## Your Rottweiler Through the Years

### Your Rottweiler Puppy

Each stage of your pet's life is characterized by special needs. Puppies are just like babies, they need lots of attention and they are just starting out in life and wanting to learn. Vaccination is important in this stage of his life; it will strengthen his immunity to certain diseases. Trimming your puppy's nails every two to three weeks will keep him well-groomed and lower the risk of scratching. Taking your puppy on daily walking sessions is also beneficial to his health. You also have to ensure that you do not overfeed your puppy. Rottweiler puppies should also be allowed to relieve themselves about every three hours to prevent problems with soiling in the house.

### Your Rottweiler Adult

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change as well. Adult dogs are coming into their own and begin to understand their owners and what their owners want from them. Adult dogs can hold their bladders for about 8 hours, but only after they've had a long walk and have previously emptied their bladders completely. Adult Rottweilers should not be left confined; they need to be able to roam. You should allow your adult Rottweiler to walk at least 20 minutes each day. Rottweilers do not need daily grooming as they are shedders.

### Your Rottweiler Senior

When your pet begins to get older, he begins to have special needs as well. He loses muscle tone and slowly develops arthritis. Older dogs might not do well on slippery floors, so you may want to cover your floor with non-skid rubber. Dehydration is common among older Rottweilers, so owners have to keep a close eye on their dogs' drinking habits. A regular exercise regimen is still necessary, but frequent breaks are needed to prevent overexertion.



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#### EXPERT TIP

##### Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have a Rottweiler Dog puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Rottweiler and choose a crate based on those specifications. .

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Make golden memories with your Rottweiler. A well-trained Rottweiler will give you all the loyalty, companionship, and love it can give.

## Rottweiler Medical Considerations

Rottweilers are prone to many health conditions that you as an owner will need to keep and eye out for. These dogs can develop a condition called elbow dysplasia. Elbow dysplasia is a hereditary disease, much like hip dysplasia, and is a malformation of the elbow joints. Rottweilers can develop eye diseases as well. Entropion (a condition when the eyelids roll inwards) and Ectropion (when the eyelids roll outwards) are two of the eye diseases they may develop. They can also develop food or flea allergies. Rottweilers may also suffer from epilepsy. They can contract this disorder from bacterial infections in the brain. They can also get inherited congenital epilepsy. Taking your Rottweiler to his veterinarian for regular check-ups and visits will ensure that you maintain a happy and healthy pet.



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