



# IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING GETTING A DOG, ASK YOURSELF...



## What's the right dog for me?

- How big a dog will this puppy become?
- How active a dog will this puppy become?
- Should I get a puppy or an adult dog?
- Why was this breed of dog developed; what was it originally bred to do?
- Does this breed have special needs, such as professional grooming?
- What temperament and intelligence is typical of this breed?
- What genetic and health problems may affect this breed?
- How much does it typically cost to buy, feed and raise a dog of this breed?
- Are there important differences between males and females of this breed?
- Have I spent time with puppies, adults and older dogs of this breed?
- Can the breeder provide me with the appropriate paperwork to register the dog with the American Kennel Club?

**The decision to bring a dog into your life is one you will live with for years. Careful consideration before you make your decision will help ensure the happiness of both you and your dog!**

For more information about choosing the right dog for you, contact a dog club in your area and visit the AKC Web site at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).