

THE ROTTWEILER



**Dependable, Loyal, Noble, Intelligent, Strong,
Powerful, Courageous, Confident, Affectionate,
Lovable**

One of the oldest Herding breeds

COMPANION – SERVICE - WORKING

You want a Rottweiler... *Are you sure?*

If you are timid in nature, If you enjoy being aggressive, If you are a very busy person - the Rottweiler is not for you

If you are not prepared to put in 100% supervision and training

PLEASE DON'T buy a Rottweiler

Rottweilers are extremely strong and powerful dogs

They are also intelligent, affectionate, loyal, courageous, confident and lovable family companions. They are easily obedience trained. Being robust and active they need lots of daily exercise to control their strong character and powerful build and are more suited to suburbs or country. They can be wilful, so members of the family must establish their control over them. They prefer to know their place in the hierarchy of the household. Most Rottweilers are very tolerant towards children - others resent the rough treatment children can sometimes inflict, so children must not be allowed to tease a Rottweiler [or any dog]. If your Rottweiler has been carefully bred with regard to temperament, socialised from an early age and reared with common-sense and mutual respect, a Rottweiler will give you a lifetime's loyalty and affection.

The Rottweiler is a dominant guarding breed

Some people buy Rottweilers for their protecting instinct, only to find later that they have taken on the wrong breed, as owning a Rottweiler entails considerable moral and legal responsibilities. Aggression should **NEVER** be encouraged at any time either towards humans or other dogs - THIS IS WRONG! The Rottweiler will guard instinctively without provocation. DON'T confuse their dominant attitude towards other dogs with an aggressive attitude towards people - the first is their ingrained character, the second is bad breeding or lack of socialising.

Socialise! Socialise! Socialise!

The first few months in a puppy's life are crucial. A puppy is like a blank piece of paper - what you put there is up to you. The right kind of socialising is extremely important. Before vaccinations are complete you can take your puppy to the local shops and just hold it in your arms (away from other dogs) puppies will love the fuss strangers will want to make. Once jabs are complete take puppies anywhere you know they like dogs; all public places; outside the supermarket where there are trolleys, bikes, people, or the school-gate is a good place and children will learn not be afraid of them.

Controlling the Rottweiler

PLEASE don't buy a Rottweiler unless you have absolute confidence in your ability (both mental and physical) to handle this strong-willed, dominant breed. You must not use force. Be **ASSERTIVE** not **DOMINEERING**. Your will must be stronger - not your physique. Rapport and reward. Reward for doing the right things. Develop a **positive** environment and praise them when they get things right or are just being **good**. DON'T keep nagging them for getting things wrong. If rough-housing or challenges of strength are your idea of controlling the Rottweiler – then it is **not** the breed for you.

Rottweilers need a firm but fair hand

Owners should be encouraged to attend a training class. You don't have to train your dog to a high standard – he just has to be under **CONTROL**. Discipline is essential. A harsh word will often suffice. You must show your puppy what you want him to do first, then when you are sure he understands – praise him when he gets it right! Rottweilers want to please their owners, but occasionally can be quite stubborn. If you see your puppy is about to make a mistake, a simple “uh, uh” as a warning will usually be enough. You should **NEVER** hit a puppy, ever.

As far as possible, make sure you see the puppy with its mother and littermates before you buy. A reputable breeder won't mind you asking questions and you should expect to be grilled to ensure you are responsible and confident enough to own our breed. A conscientious breeder should supply you with; food the puppy has been used to or a diet sheet, Vaccination Certificate, Worming history, Microchip Registration, Kennel Club Registration Certificate & Pedigree.

HEALTH PROBLEMS the breed is prone to

Hip and Elbow Dysplasia
Cruciate ligament rupture
Heart problems
JLPP

OCD of the joints
Entropion
Wet Eczema
Cancer

IT IS NOT THE BREED FOR EVERYONE Still interested?

Contact any of the Breed Clubs overleaf OR The Kennel Club
who will be pleased to give you advice about our unique breed

Rottweiler Breed Clubs in the UK and other information

The Rottweiler Club | www.therottweilerclub.co.uk

British Rottweiler Association | www.britishrottweilerassoc.co.uk

Find “The Midland Rottweiler Club UK” on Facebook

London and South East Rottweiler Club | www.laser-rottweilerclub.co.uk

Find “ECRC - Eastern Counties Rottweiler Club” on Facebook

Find “Scottish Rottweiler Club” on Facebook

South Western Rottweiler Club | www.southwestrott.co.uk

North of England Rottweiler Club | www.noerc.co.uk

Rottweiler Club of Wales | www.rottweilerclubofwales.co.uk

Northern Ireland Rottweiler Club | www.northernirelandrottweilerclub.org.uk

Rottweiler Breed Council | www.rottweilerbreedcouncil.com

Rottweilers in Need | www.rottweilersinneed.co.uk

Rottweiler Welfare Association | www.rottweilerwelfare.co.uk

ROTTWEILER HEALTH SCHEMES

KC/BVA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia X-ray Scheme

KC/BVA/ISDS Eye Testing Scheme

Heart Testing

JLPP

KC Assured Breeder Scheme

Breeders must conform to various health schemes

For more information contact The Kennel Club on 0870 606 6750