



## Dog Breeds Suited for Apartment Living

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This is a list of dog breeds that generally do well in apartments. Each dog is an individual, and even though its breed may be listed here, it does not guarantee that a particular dog you are considering will do well in an apartment. Also, if a breed is not listed here, that does not mean it won't do well in an apartment, but you should always do your own research on the breed and meet the individual dog before trying it in an apartment. Dogs that live in apartments still need daily exercise and mental stimulation to keep them happy and healthy.

### Recommended Breeds (in no particular order):

Great Dane	West Highland Terrier	Rat Terrier
Cavalier King Charles	Scottish Terrier	Chihuahua
Shih Tzu	Boston Terrier	Cocker Spaniel
Pekingese	Bichon	Havanese
Greyhound	Whippet	Italian Greyhound
Pug	Dachshund	Toy Poodle
English Mastiff	Maltese	Papillon
Shiba Inu	Lhasa Apso	Yorkie/Silky Terrier
French Bulldog	Miniature Schnauzer	
English Bulldog	Chinese Crested	

### Dogs Breeds by Group

Working/Herding/Sporting: Typically DO NOT make good apartment dogs. They need a lot of exercise, brain-stimulating activities, and are known to be destructive if not properly exercised.

Hounds: Typically DO NOT make good apartment dogs. They tend to be extremely vocal and also need a lot of daily exercise.

Toy/Small Breed: Typically DO make good apartment dogs. Some small/toy breeds can be vocal. They don't need as much exercise as medium to larger-breed dogs.

Terriers: This group CAN GO EITHER WAY when it comes to apartment living; you should judge the breed and animal individually. They can be very energetic and destructive if not given enough daily exercise, some breeds more than others. They can also be very vocal and will need mental stimulation.

***If, after trying these suggestions, you are still experiencing undesirable behaviors in your dog, SUBMIT QUESTIONS by clicking the link under Ask A Trainer on the Behavior and Training page of the Wayside Waifs website: [www.waysidewaifs.org](http://www.waysidewaifs.org).***

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