

Designer Dogs

Name _____



Pomapoo

A designer dog is a cross between two purebred dogs. A breeder can take a poodle and cross it with a yorkie to create offspring called “Yorkie-poos”. Other breeds are popular to cross as well. Designer dogs have become popular because owners would like to have dogs with the best of both breeds. Poodles are popular to cross because their hair does not shed, and not everyone likes the way the poodle looks.



Designer dogs may have fewer health problems than their purebred parents. After selective breeding over many generations, the purebred dogs can inherit specific genetic disorders. For instance, Dalmatians are prone to deafness, and many large breeds have problems with their hips. Breeders hope to profit from crossing two breeds to create designer puppies without the health problems but with the temperament and appearance of their purebred parents.

Opponents to breeding designer dogs contend that the puppies produced are simply glorified mutts. A person that wants a “designer dog” should just go to his or her local shelter and adopt a dog that has the characteristics they are looking for. Adopting from a shelter instead of breeding new pets will help reduce pet overpopulation.

Another argument against buying a designer dog is that many of their parents are housed in “puppy mills”. Puppy mills are factory like kennels where dogs are kept in cages for breeding purposes their entire lives. These dogs do not have human contact and are often kept outdoors

even in extreme weather.

For those wishing to own a designer dog, you should consider the cost of buying one over adopting one from a shelter. Shelter dogs are spayed and neutered, kept in humane conditions and will often be a mixed breed of the variety you are looking for. Sites like petfinder.com can make your search simple. Adoption fees are often comparable to buying a dog from a breeder.

Dog Type	Photo	Average Cost from Breeder (data taken from nextdaypets.com, does not include transport fees)	Average Cost from Shelter (includes spay/neuter, first shots, and support s homeless dogs)
Morkie (yorkie x maltese)		\$695.00	\$350.00
Bich-Poo		\$600.00	\$250.00



How Well Do You Know Movies About Dogs?

CYOSOB ODO

Movie adapted from a cartoon tv series

HEOTEVBEN

About a large St. Bernard

RAI DUB

A golden retriever plays basketball

TIEGH WOBLE

Sled dogs are lost during a blizzard

DAYL NAD HET MTPAR

Disney movie about a stray and a pampered spaniel

WADMEOHR DOBNU

Two dogs and a cat try to find their way home.

TERRUN NAD HOCHO

Tom Hanks is a police officer who gets a mastiff partner

DOL LYEREL

A boy befriends a yellow dog.

What is the name of the villain in 101 Dalmations?

Dog Breed Word Search

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 HUSKY, LABRADOR, MALLESE, MASTIFF,
 POINTER, POMERANIAN, POODLE, PUG,
 RETRIEVER, SCHNAUZER, SPANIEL, TERRIER

