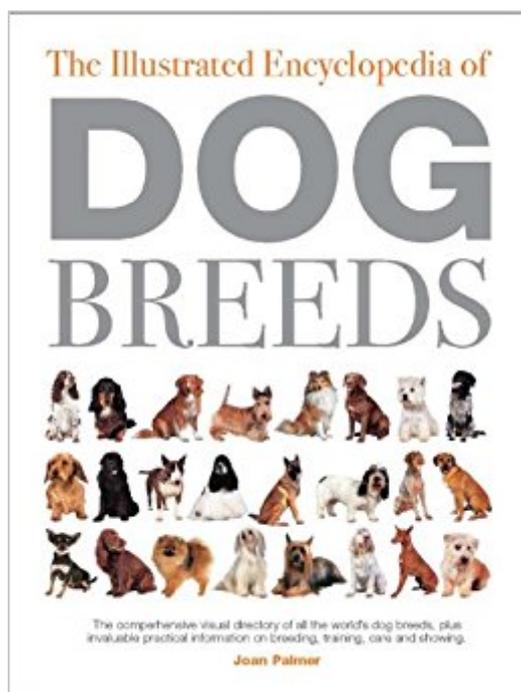


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# The Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Dog Breeds



## Synopsis

Lavishly illustrated, the 256 page directory of breeds is presented by group in the order: non-sporting, working, herding, gundogs, hounds, terriers and toy. The background to each breed is detailed - its origins, development, characteristics and, where applicable, mode of working. Breed standards are given as well as care boxes for at a glance tips for looking after each breed. Also featured are some 79 rare breeds, ranging from the ancient Hellenic Hound to the highly specialized Lundehund, or Norwegian Puffin Dog. An introductory section covers the history of dogs, ranging back over the millennia to the wild dogs which first warmed themselves at the fires of early humans. There follow sections on the anatomy, physiology, and psychology of the dog, and specialist terminology is illustrated with examples taken from the breeds featured in the Encyclopedia. Photographs, maps, and drawings show how particular conformations and characteristics have evolved into groupings which are recognized today.

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While this book had many photos of different breeds, I was surprised at the omissions. I had hoped to see a Fila Brasileiro, Havanese, Dogue de Bordeaux and a Neapolitan Mastiff. The Coonhounds, both the red and black and tan were also missing. There was no mention of the American Eskimo dog. The picture of the Rhodesian Ridgeback did not show the ridge that they are so famous for. The information about the dogs contradicted other books and my own experience. I was disappointed in this book.

I've had this book for a few years, and a lot of the information on the breeds, such as the kennel club recognition and key characteristics are great. The histories though seem to be disputed between the author of this book and the AKC Dog book and other authors of all-breed dog books. All in all, a pleasure to read and view the illustrations and maps of where the different breeds originated.

We've been watching dog shows for years, and I'd go online to search out information about breeds with which we weren't familiar. Finally, we decided to get a real Book of the Dog, so to speak. And this book is just perfect for us. With two pictures (minimum) of each breed, included in the text for each are a complete description of breed requirements, temperament, grooming requirements, and other information necessary if one is considering giving a home to a particular breed. This book includes all AKC breeds, and is a joy to use when we want more complete information on any breed recognized by the club.

I haven't found a better book about dog breeds yet. The information is accurate, the pictures are beautiful and the price makes it affordable for everyone.

This is a book I purchased to keep in the waiting area of my pet salon. Kids waiting on their dogs to be groomed have loved flipping through and looking at all the different breeds, and it has been useful when mixed breeds come in to try and guess what kind of dogs they are, as well as show owners examples of breed cuts, although some of the pictures do not show the dogs in their breed cut. Overall, this has been great to have.

I bought the Illustrated Horse Encyclopedia for my 6 year old horse loving daughter and two years later bought this one, I'll buy the cat one if it becomes available. This is the BEST format, great photos and well written.

A great way to learn what kind of dog when learning the name of the breed. I bought this for my husband who is always reading the dog ads in the paper and asking what kind of dog they are. Good learning tool. I bought it from the used book listing, and it is in perfect condition.

Great book for anyone who loves dogs and wants to know more about the different breeds. Great

gift for someone who works at the humane society or vet office who comes into contact with lot's of dogs, good to know your breed. Love this book.

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