

News From OurDogHouse

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Featured Product



[I'm With The Boxer Ash
Grey T-Shirt](#)
\$18.99

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1. News At OurDogHouse

I'm With The... You Did You Come With?

This month's featured saying, I'm with the Boxer, is a must have. How many times have you been for a walk in a park and everyone seems to notice your dog? No matter what breed you have, it seems that no one notices the human on the other end of the leash. We have this saying in 29 other breeds and can also create one if you don't see your breed listed on our site.

[Click here to check for your breed](#)

2. Are You and Your Pooch a Matched Pair?

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Is there a reason why you picked a Pug over a Basset or a Beagle over a German Shepherd? Could your pet be a mirror image of yourself or your personality?

If you think this sounds funny or odd, listen up. According to a study conducted at the University of Vancouver, British Columbia, by psychology professor, Stanley Coren, between 1995 and 1997, there is a reason you picked your pooch. This study discovered that certain traits we possess as human beings are many times the deciding factor for us when we are picking our pups.

Did you know there have been more "First Dogs" that have been terriers than any other dog group in the White House? That was not due to the terrier electoral voting system either. The fact is more US presidents have owned terriers than any other. So, if there is no coincidence as to why we are partnered up with our particular pooch, what's the driving force behind it?

Professor Coren feels we are attracted to dogs that mirror our own image. With that said, next time you go to a dog park, see if you can sit back and play the match game with owners and pets. In another study, Doctors Michael Roy and Nicholas Christenfeld, both psychologists from the University of San Diego, took digital photos of dogs and their owners at dog parks. With the owners' permission, they framed the dog in one shot and background and the owner in a

different background. Volunteers were shown the photos. Then, given a choice of two dogs, were asked to match one of them up with the human. The correct pair was chosen 64% of the time when the dog was a purebred.

Why did the purebred score the highest? Doctors Roy and Christenfeld felt many times the final look of a mixed breed puppy is unknown. Therefore, this unpredictable appearance weighs heavily into the equation, lessening the chance that we will pick a pup that is an appearance match.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) also wants to know if certain personality types are really attracted to certain breeds. They are currently conducting a survey in order to be able to offer more insight into what types of lifestyles and personalities are most compatible with the 157 breeds that AKC registers. You are welcome to participate by visiting the link below. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and individual responses will be kept strictly confidential.

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7qDV62KL3U_2fuysACg8ZL4g_3d_3d

3. Dog-gone Good Fun!

Underdog
By Disney Pictures
4 Paws of Approval From OurDogHouse



There is no need to fear: Underdog is here! This superhero beagle comes to life on the big screen and jumps right into the hearts of people of all ages. Underdog (voice by Jason Lee) is put to the test to defend his family and his country against Dr. Simon Bersinister. Filled with action and humor, Underdog is a movie the entire family will enjoy. The line from the movie trailer, "Give the dog your food," says it all no matter what breed you translate it to. The film is rated PG and a must see for any dog lover! OurDogHouse gives it 4 Paws Up!

We hope you enjoyed visiting with us this month. We welcome you to forward this issue of our newsletter to anyone else who might also enjoy it. If you have suggestions for future stories, we'd love to hear them! Please feel free to email your comments and suggestions to [OurDogHouse](#)