

Northern Breeds

- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Free thinkers
- ✓ Highly predatory
- ✓ Very clear body language



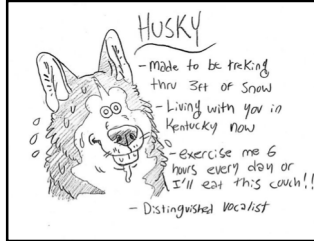


- ✓ Very pack oriented
- ✓ Either non-territorial or with extra large territories
- ✓ Huskies - long distance haulers
- ✓ Malamutes - strength haulers
- ✓ Samoyeds - family dogs



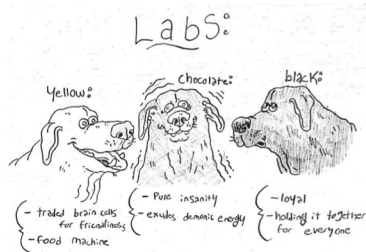
Potential Behavior Issues

- ✓ Wandering
- ✓ Social Dominance
- ✓ Intolerance
- ✓ Predatory Behavior
- ✓ Resource Guarding
- ✓ Vocal
- ✓ Energetic



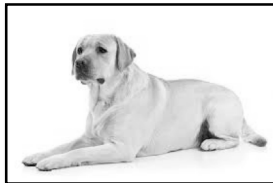
Hunting/Sporting Dogs

- ✓ Labrador Retrievers
- ✓ Golden Retrievers
- ✓ Chesapeake Bay Retrievers
- ✓ Flat Coats
- ✓ Pointers



Retrievers

- ✓ The first two, when raised well, are very versatile
- ✓ Affectionate, playful, extraverted, puppy-like well beyond their adulthood
- ✓ Low prey drive
- ✓ Often universal players - can adapt their playstyle to others
- ✓ Often able to shift allegiances from family to family with less trauma than other breeds



- ✓ Willing to learn – these dogs were quite possibly the first “obedience trained” dog, as they were used for hunting (our first occupation)
- ✓ Able to take quite a bit of physical pain – labs have an extra layer of fat for the water
- ✓ These are the dogs that people believe “Define” dogs, and the reason our other dogs get into trouble



Issues

- ✓ Pica (eating everything)
- ✓ Coprophagia (eating feces)
- ✓ Way too energetic for many families when young
- ✓ Leash reactivity
- ✓ Male/male aggression



Silver Lab – new kid on the block

Chesapeake Bay Retriever

- ✓ Chessies were bred not only to retrieve water fowl, but also to guard boats. They are not dogs to fool around with
- ✓ Seriously territorial
- ✓ Serious workers
- ✓ Tendency towards dominance in the home
- ✓ Colors include Dead Grass, Sedge, Light Brown and Dark Brown



Flat Coat Retriever



- ✓ Good retriever, not as popular
- ✓ Very complex emotionally
- ✓ Needs consistency
- ✓ More sensitive than other retrievers
- ✓ Can become reactive to other dogs and humans

Portuguese Water Dogs and Poodles

- ✓ Water retrievers
- ✓ Very energetic
- ✓ Very intelligent
- ✓ Independent - do not rely on humans for direction nearly as much as the labs/goldens do
- ✓ Challenging - can take over households - but are usually quite cheerful about it



Doodles!



Doodles – hunting dogs – Poodles/Labs or Golden

- ✓ Labs or Golden – compliant, willing, energetic, mouthy, eager to please
- ✓ Poodles – willful, independent, energetic, opinionated, graceful
- ✓ The combo can vary litter to litter and individual to individual
- ✓ The developer of this breed (?) , Wally Conran, regrets what he did and what he started!
- ✓ Biggest issues involve too much energy, willfulness and too much energy

More hunting dogs

- ✓ Weimaraner
- ✓ Vizsla
- ✓ German Shorthaired and Wirehaired Pointer



Weimaraners and Vizslas are prone to separation issues

All three of these breeds are very affectionate and cuddly... until there is a job to do...at which point they may forget you are alive



Spaniels

- ✓ Cocker
- ✓ Springers (Welsh and English)
- ✓ Irish
- ✓ Clumber



Cheerful, friendly happy go lucky dogs, bred to scatter birds (not a hard job)

Biggest issues are resource guarding, chewing, barking...and very occasionally "rage syndrome"
