

# Dog names

## What's in a name?

There are thousands of names to choose from so how do you **FIND** possible names for your dog and then make sure you choose the right one?

One way to reduce the number of names you are considering is to start with the **TYPE** of name you would like for your dog.

It may be surprising, but more than half of all pet names are either human names or nicknames. People largely name their animals as they would name themselves. Another fifth of names are based on the pet's appearance or personality. A black cat becomes Blacky or Midnight, and active dog Comet or Dash.

You can have some fun playing around with different types of names with our [pet name search tool](#).

## Some more tips for deciding on a name

Here are our some useful tips in choosing a name for your dog. Please remember that the name you choose will be used dozens of times a day to call, praise and perhaps scold.

- Pick a name that the pet can easily recognise. Animals respond better to one or two syllable names.
- Choose a name that's both easy to call out and one that you are happy calling out. Calling out "Jack" or "Zoe" in the park may be far less embarrassing than calling out "Death Breath"!
- For dogs avoid names that sound like the standard commands of No, Stay, Sit, Come, Down or Fetch. For example "Joe" is probably too close to "No". It can be difficult for dogs to tell the difference between similar sounding words.
- If choosing a long name keep in mind the shortened version. A long name will inevitably be shortened, but it may ruin the effect that you were originally looking for.

- The pet's breed heritage can provide some useful inspiration. For example German (Shepherds, Dachshunds and Schnauzers), French (Poodle), Scottish (Terriers), or Irish (Wolfhounds and Setters).
- Waiting a few days to study your dog's behaviour can help pick the right name.
- Pick a name that will grow with the pet. For example "Tiny" may be less appropriate for a full-grown dog.

**Other than this, be adventurous!** Naming pets has far more leeway than naming children, where thought has to be given to peer group acceptance, blending first and last names and how the initials may appear.

## Most popular dog names

We have compiled these name lists from the thousands of Aussie pets insured with us. For more name lists and suggestions, please visit our [pet names website](#).

**Australia's most popular dog names in 2024:**



# TOP DOG NAMES of 2024

## Female

1. Luna
2. Daisy
3. Poppy
4. Coco
5. Nala
6. Molly
7. Winnie
8. Bella
9. Ruby
10. Maggie



## Male

1. Teddy
2. Charlie
3. Milo
4. Archie
5. Winston
6. Alfie
7. Ollie
8. Murphy
9. Buddy
10. Max

**Most importantly, remember that a dog will respond to whatever name you call them as long as there is love in your voice!**

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