

# Rottweiler



**Average Height:** 56-68 cm  
**Average Weight:** 42-50 kgs  
**Average Life Span:** 9-12 yrs

## ORIGIN

Rottweilers rank as one of the most ancient breeds. They accompanied the Romans through Germany, driving their cattle and guarding outposts. Many were left behind and, in the town of Rottweil in southern Germany, they became the breed we know today.

## CHARACTERISTICS

The first impression of a Rottweiler is of solid strength, and that is quite accurate. Rottweilers are blocky dogs with massive heads. Rottweilers should always be black with tan points, and the ideal coat is quite short, dense, and a bit harsh.

## IDEAL COMPANIONS

One of the most important things to remember with Rottweilers is that they need extensive and continuous socialization to be good family companions. This breed is not an ideal one for first-time dog owners.

## CARE REQUIREMENTS

Training is a must and should start in early puppyhood. Rottweilers are fairly easy to keep for such large dogs and, in fact, have a tendency to obesity if not exercised enough. Coat care is minimal; a quick, weekly grooming will suffice most of the time.

## EXTRA NEEDS

Rottweilers have been selected for guarding and protection work, and this must be kept in mind at all times.