



# 1 Your New Best Friend

To have the dog of your dreams, the first and probably most important thing you need to know, is what type of dog is going to suit you - and then how to go about finding him.

There are an amazing number of breeds of dog in the UK alone – and each one has been bred to do a very specific job. What that job is, will determine what that dog is going to be like to live with. There is no point getting a dog who has been bred to work every hour of every day when your idea of heaven is sprawling on the sofa, opening another bottle of wine and getting out a DVD! Neither of you will be happy, and it will end in disaster.

What few people ever stop to consider is that most training and behaviour problems occur because the owner has got the totally wrong dog for them and their lifestyle in the first place.

Use this first section of this manual to find out what your ideal dog should be and make sure you don't make this mistake.

In a society where our relationships with our dogs last far longer than most marriages, make sure you find your ideal canine partner!

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