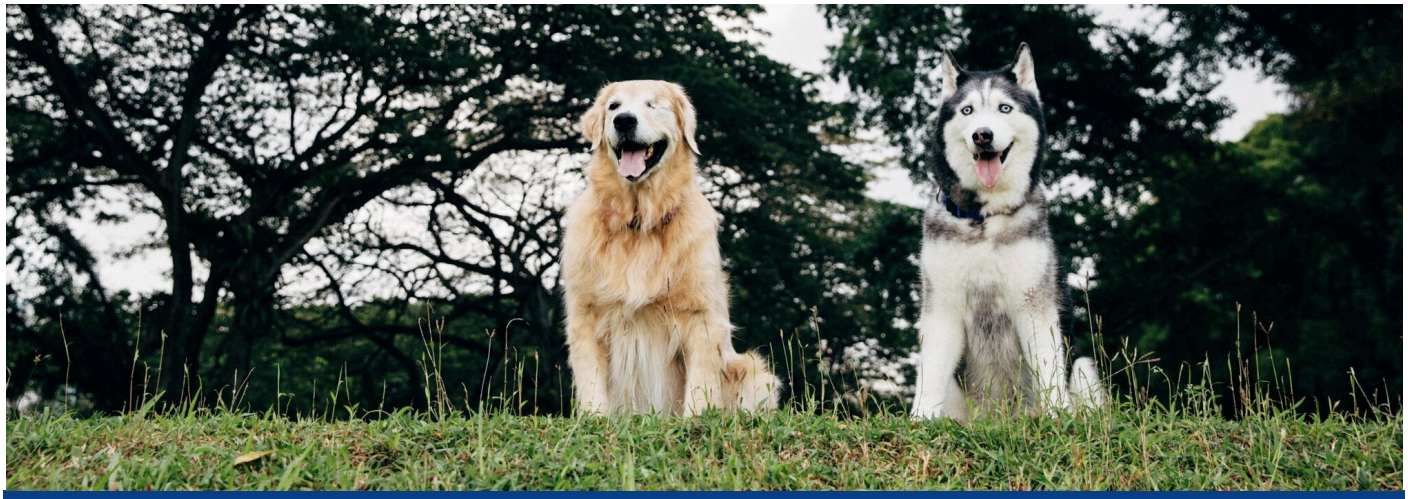


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Healthy Dog: What to do if your dog needs crate rest



Dogs may require restrictions in movement and exercise following veterinary procedures, particularly if surgery is involved. This can be a big challenge, especially for young and active dogs. If possible, set up their rest zone (such as a pen, gated area, or crate) in advance to get them used to it. Laying non-slip mats is a good idea to prevent slips and falls. It can be distressing for some dogs when they can't access their usual bathroom area - chat to your vet about options. If they're small you may be able to carry them, or you could seek out a harness designed to lift dogs safely.

To keep that canine brain happy … be prepared! Stock up on long lasting animal-based chews. Use your recycling to make treat parcels - egg cartons filled with yummy goodies can be great fun for your dog to tear apart. Fill food toys and pop them in the freezer so they're ready to go. And don't forget to simply spend time with your dog - recovery can be tough for them and your care will help them through it.

Dog quotes

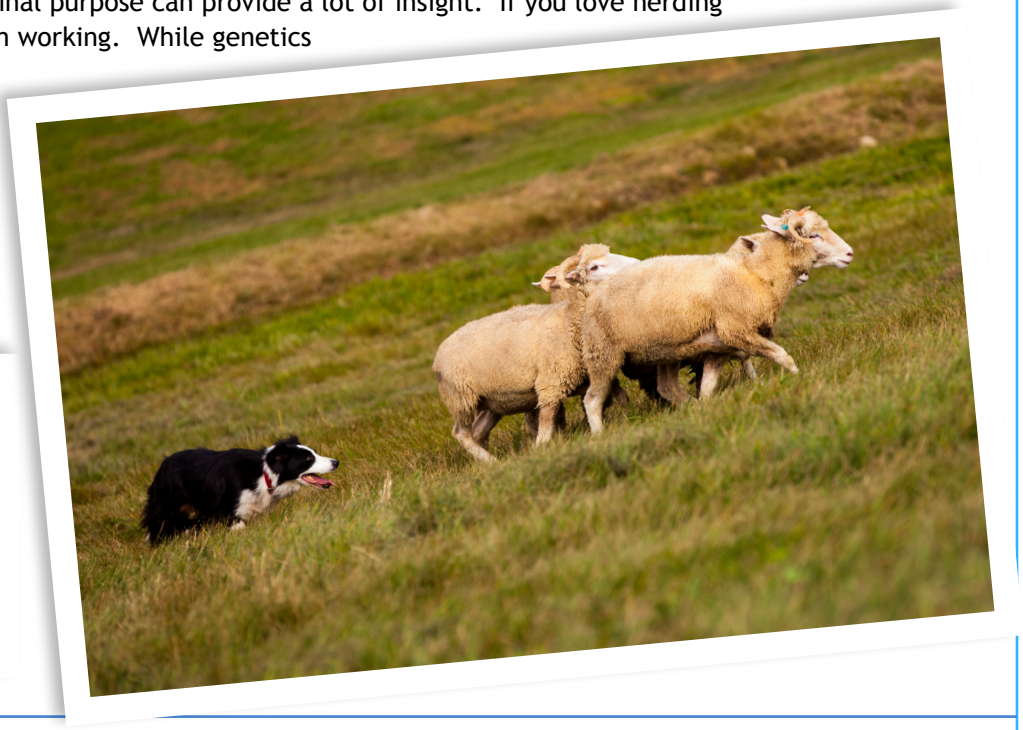
"A dog is one of the remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk." **- O. A. Battista**



Dogs In Action:
The right dog for the right herd

Herding dogs are popular across the globe, and were originally bred to gather, move, and protect livestock. But did you know that there are big differences in how they do this? These breeds were developed to have a specific style of herding, based on geography, stock type, and the tasks required. Some dogs were designed to gather stock and do so fairly quietly and with lots of 'eye' and stalking, like Border Collies. Others were bred to drive massive herds across expansive and harsh landscapes, such as Australian Kelpies. German Shepherds often served a tending role, creating a living fence around herds and shepherding them where they needed to be. As the name suggests, Australian Cattle Dogs were developed to work cattle, boldly facing these large animals, and often nipping at their heels. The New Zealand Huntaway ranged over vast areas of land with limited visibility, using their impressive bark to move animals and alert handlers to their location.

Understanding our dogs' original purpose can provide a lot of insight. If you love herding breeds, watch videos of them working. While genetics aren't a crystal ball, it may give you clues about barking, athleticism, and intensity, as well as the activities they will love doing with you!



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