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# "The Ideal Dog"

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## I. Abstract

The goal of this project was to look into all of the different jobs or tasks that we as humans have dogs perform and try to pin point what exactly it is that makes a dog ideal for each task. After

identifying desirable characteristics, I considered physical traits in order to create an ideal dog that would be able to perform the greatest number of jobs possible.



Service dog found via [Google](#)

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## II. Findings

Dogs are most commonly valued for physical traits that aid humans, or for their ability to connect with humans emotionally. Some examples of dogs being sought after for their physical traits can be seen in the success of breeders who breed guard dogs exclusively or the distribution of breed types in K-9 units. Dogs that make connections with humans are friendly, outgoing and intelligent such as Labradors or poodles. While trying to pick the Ideal dog I ultimately came to the

decision that this title should go to the Golden Retriever. The reasons that I picked this breed is because they're well rounded and suitable for most jobs, Golden Retrievers are commonly used as service dogs but are also gun dogs breed to retrieve shot waterfowl such as ducks undamaged back to the owner. The golden Retrievers versatility is what I think truly makes them the Ideal dog.



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