

Title: Is the Corso for you

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Summary: The Cane Corso: Not a breed for everyone. Read this before considering owning one...

The Corso makes a great family dog and is good with children but only if you take the time to properly socialize and train your puppy.

But your children will have to learn, how to be together with the dog. You can't expect the dog, to accept everything from your child. You must educate the child, how the dog mind works.

The Corso is extremely loyal to their family and are very aloof with strangers. They are powerful, athletic and intelligent.

Corsos are not the right breed for everyone. They are a large breed of dog and take up lots of space on the couch, in the house and in the car. They drool, especially after eating and drinking. They may leave water trails all over the house after a drink and prefer to wipe their faces on their owner's trousers.

And it costs a lot of money to feed a corso correctly; they can eat over a kilogram of food every day.

Corsos like to sit close to their family and will sit on your feet, lean against you, often lay their heavy head in your lap. Occasionally people, especially children, can be unintentionally injured by an excited Corso. Corsos like to follow you where ever you go and be a part of whatever you do.

Corsos are not recommended for:

“ Old, elderly, infirm - Corsos can accidentally knock down someone who is not steady on their feet; can aggravate back and other injuries; and, since they have the strength of a rhino, can do unintended harm unless properly trained. If you just have to have one, an older, already trained Corso is recommended. Rescue is a great place to find an older Corso and give a dog a new chance at life.

“ Small children - Children can easily be knocked down by an excited puppy or adult. Corsos, who have been raised & trained properly, are usually very gentle with children by nature, but you MUST supervise them when they are together so that neither the child nor the dog is injured.

“ Workaholics - People who travel a lot or work long hours should never buy a Cane Corso. Corsos are very dependent and social. They need to be with their families and can become destructive and develop behavioral problems such as separation anxiety, excessive chewing, excessive barking, etc. if left for long periods of time unattended.

Before deciding on a Cane Corso, or any other breed, you should consider what type of personality you want in a dog. Liking its looks is not enough. Below you will find a list of questions to ask

yourself. These questions should help determine if the Cane Corso is the breed for you!

Are you prepared to...

“ Take full responsibility for your CC and all its needs for the next 8-10 years. This is NOT a task that can be left to children.

“ Invest the time, money and patience it takes to socialize & train the Corso to be a good companion. This does not happen by itself!

“ Live with a 100-pound or more size dog that drools, moults and has a high activity level for the next 8-10 years.

“ Continue to accept responsibility for the dog despite life changes such as new babies, kids going off to school, moving or change in work schedule?

“ Deal with a puppy, which by 6 months old, will be large enough to do significant damage to your home and personal belongings if not supervised?

“ Spend the money it takes to provide proper veterinarian care including but not limited to vaccines, heart-worm testing & preventative, annual check ups and deal with any health problems that can occur with this breed?

“ Make sure your Corso gets enough attention and exercise? (Corso puppies need several hours of both every day)!

If you answered yes to ALL of the above, you are ready to start contacting breeders. Start early because most responsible breeders have a waiting list and only breed on occasion.

Remember, the right puppy or adult is worth the wait! So take care with your search, care with your selection, and especially take care with the raising of your new dog.