



2015 New Breeds Fact Sheet

What: The National Dog Show Presented by Purina on NBC will introduce seven new American Kennel Club-sanctioned breeds to the public in 2015 as part of its annual cluster:

- Lagotto Romagnolo – Sporting Group
- Berger Picard – Herding Group
- Miniature American Shepherd – Herding Group
- Cirneco dell' Etna – Hound Group
- Boerboel – Working Group
- Bergamasco – Herding Group
- Spanish Water Dog – Herding Group

When: Thursday, November 26, 2015 from noon-2 p.m. in all time zones

Lagotto Romagnolo (Lah-gah'-to Ro-man-yo'-lo) Details:

The Lagotto Romagnolo is an ancient breed of retrieving water dogs in the lowlands of Comacchio and marshlands of Ravenna, in Italy. During the centuries, the great marshlands were drained and turned into arable land. Subsequently the Lagotto changed from being a water dog to an excellent dog for searching for truffles in the flat open country and in the hills of Romagna, a job that it performs with passion and efficiency. Small to medium-sized dog, well proportioned, powerfully built, of a rustic appearance, with a dense, curly coat of woolly texture. The dog should give the impression that he has the strength and endurance to work all day in difficult and challenging terrain.

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Berger Picard (Bare-Zhay-Pee-Carr) Details:

A medium-sized, active and athletic herding dog, the Berger Picard was bred to be a working companion, enthusiastically performing its job while also responding well to training. This breed has a shaggy, wiry topcoat with a short, dense undercoat to produce a weatherproof coat that is overall rough to the touch. The Picards coat comes in shades of fawn with or without gray underlay and trim on the ears as well as brindle. Monthly brushing is necessary to prevent matting, with occasional bathing and hand-stripping of the ears to neaten.

Miniature American Shepherd Details:

Small size herding dog, developed in the United States. This is a highly versatile, energetic dog, an athlete with superior intelligence and a willingness to please those to whom he is devoted.

Cirneco dell' Etna (Cheer- Nec- Ko) Details:

The Cirneco dell'Etna has been present in Sicily for over 2,500 years and shares a common origin with the Pharaoh Hound and other breeds throughout the Mediterranean basin. As a hunter of small mammals and fowl, the Cirneco is a hardy, compact dog that was successful in hunting under adverse conditions - high heat, on rugged terrain formed by volcanic lava and with little food or water over extended periods of time. The affix "dell'Etna" was only added to the name Cirneco in 1939 when the first breed standard was accepted by the Italian Kennel Club. Etna comes from Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, situated on the east coast of Sicily and the area with the highest concentration of Cirnechi.

Bergamasco(Bur-ga-mass' -ko)Details:

A sheepdog with a strong work ethic, the Bergamasco's most unique characteristic is its coat, which contains "dog hair," "goat hair" and "wool" that combine to form black or gray felt-like mats. The mats grow over the course of the dog's life, reaching the ground at approximately 6 years of age. The coat can actually smell like a sweater when it is wet. But despite its formidable appearance, the Bergamasco is really a trim, athletic sheepdog.

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Boerboel (Bore'-bul) Details:

The Boerboel is a large dog that is strong, confident and muscular with a distinctive, blocky head. Despite its size, it is the most agile of the mastiff-type breeds. The word Boerboel means "Farm Dog" and it serves as a capable working dog as well as a loyal companion in its home country of South Africa. The skin of a Boerboel should be dark on his stomach and under his fur, as well as the roof of his mouth, to protect against heat and sun. The coat is short, dense coat can be brindle, brown, cream, reddish brown or tawny.

Spanish Water Dog Details:

The Spanish Water Dog's origins are unknown and debated by many experts. What is known is that this rustic multi-purpose breed was developed in Spain many centuries ago to fulfill a variety of purposes including herding, hunting, water work and companionship. Starting in 1975, the breed was brought out from obscurity and in 1985, it was recognized by the Real Sociedad Central de Fomento de Razas Caninas en España.

New Breeds Recognized by the AKC in Recent Years

2014

Coton de Tulear – Non Sporting Group

Wirehaired Vizsla – Sporting Group

2013

Chinook - Working Group

Rat Terrier - Terrier Group

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno - Hound Group

2012

Russell Terrier - Terrier Group

Treeing Walker Coonhound - Hound Group

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2011

Entlebucher Mountain Dog - Herding Group
Norwegian Lundehund - Non Sporting Group
Xoloitzcuintli - Non Sporting Group
American English Coonhound - Hound Group
Cesky Terrier - Terrier Group
Finnish Lapphund - Herding Group

2010

Boykin Spaniel - Sporting Group
Leonberger - Working Group
Cane Corso - Working Group
Icelandic Sheepdog - Herding Group
Bluetick Coonhound - Hound Group
Redbone Coonhound - Hound Group

2009

Irish Red and White Setter - Sporting Group
Norwegian Buhund - Herding Group
Pyrenean Shepherd - Herding Group

2008

The Dogue de Bordeaux - Working Group

2007

The Plott - Hound Group
The Beauceron - Herding Group
The Swedish Vallhund - Herding Group
The Dogue de Bordeaux - Working Group

NO NEW BREEDS ADDED IN 2005 AND 2006

2004

The Black Russian Terrier - Working Group
The Neapolitan Mastiff - Working Group
Glen of Imaal Terrier - Terrier Group

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2003

German Pinschers - Working Group

Toy Fox Terriers - Toy Group

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers - Sporting Group

New Breed descriptions sourced from AKC.org and Dogbreedinfo.com

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