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Dog Adoption – Rottweiler Traits – Rottweiler Adoption

Rottweilers, as a rule, are self-assured, fearless dogs, loyal and protective of their families. They can make excellent pets but, if you're thinking about a Rottweiler adoption, you need to understand Rottweiler traits.

- **Rottweilers as working dogs** - Rottweilers were bred to be all-purpose working dogs. Originally used as cattle drovers, they have also been used for pulling dogcarts and as guard dogs, military and police dogs. If you're considering Rottweiler adoption, be aware that they are confident, bold and alert and they can also be headstrong and stubborn.
- **Rottweilers and other pets** - Rottweilers get along with most other animals if properly trained and disciplined from puppy hood, but some cannot be trusted around small dogs and cats.
- **Rottweilers and families** – Rottweiler traits that are important to remember around children is that they are powerful dogs that do need proper training. While Rottweilers adore their families, most tend to do best with mature older children who have experience with dogs and have lots of time and energy to train and play with them.
- **Rottweilers as protectors** – An important Rottweiler trait to consider is that they can be overprotective if they perceive that their families are in danger. They are reserved, even guarded, toward strangers and need early and consistent socialization. Keep in mind when considering a Rottweiler adoption that they may take time to warm up to new people even if they've had early socialization.
- **Keeping Rottweilers challenged** – If you are considering a Rottweiler adoption, be aware they need daily exercise and mental activity, such as long walks and vigorous romping. They like to learn new things but, because of Rottweiler traits like their size and power, rough play and aggressive games such as tug-of-war should be avoided.
- **Rottweiler exercise areas** – Because of their size, strength and intelligence, Rottweilers should be leashed or exercised in a secured area, preferably a yard with a 5' or higher fence. A Rottweiler trait to remember is that they enjoy cold weather and may become overheated in hot weather.
- **Rottweilers and training** – If you are considering a Rottweiler adoption, be aware they need obedience training, preferably when they are young. When properly trained, key Rottweiler traits really shine through. Properly trained Rottweilers are usually calm, easy-going, even-tempered dogs.

Information sources: [ASPCA Complete Guide to Dogs](#) by Sheldon L. Gerstenfeld, DVM; [Barron's Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) (Second Edition) by D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D; [Dogs for Kids: Everything You Need to Know About Dogs](#) by Kristin Mehus-Roe; and [The Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) by Juliette Cunliffe.



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