The Dog

The Dog is a giving, compassionate personality. He offers kind words, support and advice to friends and family. He is a listener, always available to lend an ear or a shoulder to a friend in need. Often Dogs know more about their friends than their friends know about them or even themselves! Dogs are incredibly attentive. Sometimes though, Dogs should pay more attention to their own needs. In private, many Dog people worry a lot.

Years of the Dog

Eleventh in the cycle, Dog Years follow the Rooster years and recur every twelfth year. The Chinese New Year does not fall on a specific date, so it is essential to check the calendar to find the exact date on which each Dog Year actually begins.


THE SIGN OF THE DOG

Dogs can be a bit overwhelming, due in part to their attentive natures. They can march in and take control of a situation, even when it doesn’t involve them directly. This can lead people to think Dogs are nosy or gossipy, but in reality, he just means well. Money and status don’t matter to the Dog. He is more concerned with the welfare of his family and friends and will do whatever it takes to help them out of a tight squeeze or a rough spot. Once Dogs determine a subject of interest, they usually master that before taking off for a new adventure. They like to finish what they start. They are honest and trustworthy people, ethically strong and morally kept. They make loyal friends and companions.

DOG FACTS:

People born in the Year of the Dog share certain characteristics. He Dog Sign is an abbreviated way of characterizing that individual’s personality. Following are features associated with the Sign of the Dog.

Eleventh in order, Chinese name—GOU, sign of fidelity
Hour—7pm-8:59pm Month—October
Western Counterpart—Libra

CHARACTERISTICS
IN YOUR ELEMENT

The characteristics of the Dog Sign are tempered by one of the five Chinese elements of Metal, Water, Wood, Fire and Earth overlaying a 5-year cycle of characteristics on the original 12-year cycle.

THE METAL DOG 1910 AND 1970

Metal Dogs have extremely high standards and expect a lot of themselves and of others. They are loyal and hold a strong outlook about the direction they want their life to take. They choose their friends and causes with care, as they do not plan to ever not support these people and things again. Once they have committed themselves, there is little to no turning back. They are bold, unafraid to disagree out loud about anything they feel is unjust or unfair. Metal Dogs are easily stressed if a plan does not go accordingly. They find it difficult to relax when there are things to be done.

THE WATER DOG 1922 AND 1982

These Dogs have great foresight and are well-educated on many different things. This quality helps them appreciate other points of view, making them quite flexible and liberal. They are easygoing, but this can cause them to be too spendthrift with money and less loyal with friends. Still, because of their flexible natures and their ability to appreciate difference, these Dogs always have friends and are usually popular people.

THE WOOD DOG 1934 AND 1994

Wood Dogs are well-rounded individuals. They are adaptable, flexible and laid back. However, they are not as independent as other Dogs and like being part of the group. This is due in part to the support they crave, but it also makes them feel secure and self-confident. In return, they are faithful friends, shy at first, then warm and affectionate.

THE FIRE DOG 1946 AND 2006

Fire Dogs are natural leaders. Fire Dogs are popular, charismatic people, always surrounded by a group of admirers. Not only admired for their vibrant personalities, these Dogs also possess a sexual attractiveness that makes them irresistible. These people are adventurous and vivacious, yet, honest and openhearted. However, because they are so active, they are generally not the settle down type.

THE EARTH DOG 1958 AND 2018
The earth Dog is clever and genuine. He is rational and supportive, stable and stoic. Earth gives this Dog an element of security, for he is inspiring and confident. These characters are just, certain to hear both sides before making a decision. He makes a great leader because he is such a trustworthy, diplomatic individual.

**HEALTH AND HOME**

**HEALTH**

Dogs are balanced individuals. They maintain their health through happiness. The quickest way to tell a Dog is sick is to test his character. If he’s sad or depressed, it probably means he’s ill. He can usually weather any sort of illness, and is prepared to maintain resilience when fighting a disease.

**AT HOME WITH THE DOG**

Dogs like clean residences. Not only straightened-up, but also deep cleaned. Changed sheets, washed clothes, dusted blinds and wiped down mirrors are only a few of the Dogs weekly chores. His home must be well-organized and easy to navigate all of the time. Dogs want to be comfortable and take luxury in overstuffed pillows, big, cushy couches and oversized recliners. Although they are open-minded, Dogs prefer to stick with traditional décor when decorating a room.

**CAREER AND FINANCE**

**THE DOG AT WORK**

Dogs are resourceful and eager to help out at work. Dogs will take on more work if it means less work for their peers. They enjoy learning new skills and as a result are cherished employees. A Dog’s just and fair nature comes in handy when in positions of leadership where decisions have to be made.

**MONEY AND THE DOG**

Dogs work hard and spend wisely. They do not work to buy luxurious things. They work to secure a future for their families. They generally have hidden savings accounts for future family endeavors such as family vacations and college tuitions.

**DOG CAREERS**

Those born in the Year of the Dog share the same kinds of goals and objectives in life. The occupations best suited for the Dog are listed below:

**DOGS MAKE EXCELLENT:**

- Nurses
- Interior decorators
- Counselors
- Priests
- Politicians
- Judges
- Clerks
Police officers
Psychiatrists
Scientists
Teachers
Professors

CONGENIAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

Whether Dogs are compatible with their business partners depends on whether their signs are harmonious or antagonistic to those of their partners. Considering the congruity of their own characters and the characters of their business partners can also be very useful.

Dogs Ruled by Benefit from Are Antagonistic to

Metal Earth Horses Fire Dragons
Water Metal Snakes Earth Roosters
Wood Water Tigers Metal Oxen
Fire Wood Rats Water Sheep
Earth Fire Rabbits Wood Monkeys

Leisurely activities and pleasures

LIKES AND DISLIKES

Since Dogs are born under the same Animal Sign, they often share likes and dislikes. Following are similar likes and dislikes of the Dog personality.

Color Preference: Pale Yellow
Gems and Stones: Moonstone, Carnelian, Jasper
Suitable Gifts: Rocking chair, novel, roses, massage therapy
Hobbies and Pastimes: Cooking, rearranging, dancing, arts and crafts
Dogs Dislike: Hurting other people’s feelings, getting angry or aggressive, being treated unfairly

THE DOG ON VACATION

These people are people watchers. They are content watching different people walk by, listening to their conversations, watching their reactions. Dogs would enjoy a vacation with
the entire family more than a romantic getaway. In this situation, Dogs are sure to make everyone happy by incorporating everybody’s tastes and ideas into each thing they do together.

**FRIENDS AND ENEMIES**

Dogs are so easy to get along with and generally have a ton of friends. They are supportive and calming and make exceptional friends. They don’t hold grudges or bear any bad feelings towards anyone who has treated them respectfully and justly. Dogs are excellent listeners, offering an ear to anyone in need. They are held in high regard by their friends and are loyal, honest friends.

Compatible Friends

Best Friends: Tigers and Horses

Mortal Enemy: Dragons

**DOG PARENTS AND BABIES**

Dogs always put their family first. They are wonderfully supportive parents who take great pride in the happiness and well-being of their children. They are selfless parents, content to wear the same old clothes so their children may have the stylish new ones. These parents make terrific, stoic role models for their children and keep close bonds with their offspring well after they’ve grown up.

**DOG INFANT AND CHILD**

Dog children are creative, able to entertain themselves for hours on end. They don’t mind playing by themselves, often inventing games and puzzles while doing so. They are responsible children who love to take on and complete as many tasks as possible for it gives them a sense of accomplishment.

**DOG PARENT/CHILD KINSHIPS**

Some parents immediately click with their children while others find they will never have a close relationship no matter how hard they try to make it happen. Following are compatibility ratings between Dog parents and their children.

Dog with Under the same roof Compatibility Rating

Rat shared happiness ***

Ox each need your own space *

Tiger happy parenting! ****

Rabbit contentment ***
LOVERS AND SPOUSES

THE DOG LOVER

Dogs can be overly shy when making friends or courting someone. If they are interested, they want to make sure you are as well before expressing any interest. They are emotionally sensitive people, who don't take wounds to the heart very easily. As a lover, Dogs are compassionate, supportive partners, eager to hear about your day at work or the project you just finished. They share the highs and lows of being in love, defending their partners to anyone who attacks them.

MARRIAGE

Happy Dogs are more likely to want families than Dogs in mediocre relationships. Dogs are simple and lead very easygoing lives. They can be mean with word sometimes and must learn to control their angry tongues.

THE DOG IN LOVE

Dogs make good partners and most people find them easy to live and get a long with. His seriousness or grounded personality may be boring to some, but to others it demonstrates an innate stability.

PARTNERS IN LOVE

Dog*Rat

Stable union. You’ll share dull moments, so improvise.

Dog*Ox
Not much in common.

Dog*Tiger
Mutual affection makes you a great duo!

Dog*Rabbit
You’ll go a long way!

Dog*Dragon
One of you is outgoing, the other is easygoing. Not recommended.

Dog*Snake
Love at first glance.

Dog*Horse
The scale is tipped in your favor!

Dog*Sheep
Don’t try it. You bore each other.

Dog*Monkey
Take a shot. What have you got to lose?

Dog*Dog
You share so much, why not?

Dog*Pig
What a stable and committed partnership. Destined for happiness!

Love Partners at a Glance
Dog with Tips on Togetherness Compatibility
Rat shared respect **
Ox maybe… **
Tiger absolutely! ****
Rabbit you have a solid union ***
EAST MEETS WEST

ARIES DOG

These Dogs are self-confident and independent. They won’t settle down too early because there’s too much to do.

TAUREAN DOG

These Dogs are more conventional in how they view the world. They are heroic community leaders and concerned neighbors. They are stable and resilient in their search for truth and justice.

GEMINI DOG

Gemini Dogs can talk your mother under the table. They are charismatic and charming, not intimidated by other people. They love to take on new experiences.

CANCERIAN DOG

These Dogs are at their happiest when surrounded by friends and family. They love to be at home. They tend to be a little self-aware and not as confident as other Dogs.

LEONINE DOG

Self-assured and confident, these Dogs have a large, but sensitive ego. Hurt their feelings and they’re sure to let you know it. They are genuine, loving and affectionate friends.

VIRGO DOG

These people are responsible and hardworking. They devote themselves to whatever they find
necessary, be it their homes, their families or their occupations.

**LIBRAN DOG**

These are charismatic characters. Libran Dogs are genuinely concerned about the well-being of other people. They are just and kind souls who value their families and friends.

**SCORPIO DOG**

Scorpio gives the Dog passion and fire. These Dogs are quite committed to their causes and expect 100% loyalty from anyone who joins their organization.

**SAGITTARIAN DOG**

Loyal and giving, Sagittarian Dogs are more active than other Dogs. They enjoy a good long hike in the woods or a river-rafting trip. Anything adventurous will do.

**CAPRICORN DOG**

Efficient and responsible, these Dogs take tasks very seriously. They are perfectionists who have hearts of gold.

**AQUARIAN DOG**

Creative and motivated, these Dogs are not as materialistic or showy as others may be. They are incredibly fair people who seek a cultural knowledge and sophistication.

**PISCES DOG**

These Dogs are calm, relaxed individuals who need a relaxing environment. They make excellent caregivers and stable providers for their families.