



Are you ready for a Puppy?

Take our easy and fun quiz – and check if you and your family are ready for a puppy.

For each question, tick the answer that best matches how you feel – then count the number of answers in each column.

Section 1 – All about your Home

Question	A	B	C
<p>Do you own your own home?</p> <p>A = Yes (with or without mortgage) B = No I rent my home but I have written permission to have a puppy from the landlord C = No I move around a lot, I just take life as it comes</p>			
<p>Is your home....</p> <p>A = A house B = A flat C = Non-existent</p>			
<p>How upset will you (or your family) be when your furniture gets chewed, soiled or scratched?</p> <p>A = Not at all – it's what we expect with a puppy B = I hadn't considered this C = Very – (we have fancy furniture or antiques)</p>			
<p>Do you have a garden?</p> <p>A = Yes, I have a private garden on my property B = Yes – I have access to a shared garden C = No, but there is a park / field nearby</p>			
<p>Is your garden fenced and secure so that a puppy could not escape (including by digging, climbing or jumping when they have grown)?</p> <p>A = Yes B = Not Sure C = No</p>			
Total			



Section 2 – All about your Family

Question	A	B	C
<p>How excited is everyone in your household about getting a puppy?</p> <p>A = Very – we all can't wait B = A bit mixed – but I'm sure they will come round C = My partner / children are not interested</p>			
<p>Are you expecting any big family changes in the next 6 months?</p> <p>A = No B = No – but there are some things happening that might cause this I guess C = Yes</p>			
<p>If you have young children - Can they...</p> <p>A = Listen to instructions, understand and follow them B = Do as they've been asked if repeatedly reminded C = Get easily over excited and boisterous, there's no talking to them then!</p>			
Total			

Section 3 – All about your Lifestyle

Question	A	B	C
<p>How often does everyone leave your home – so that the puppy would be left on their own</p> <p>A = 0 to 4 times a week for short periods B = 5 - 6 times a week for short periods C = More than 7 times a week (Every day) All day</p>			
<p>When puppy is left on her own, what will be the longest time she would be alone</p> <p>A = An hour or less B = 2 or 4 hours C = 5 hours or more</p>			
<p>When you go on holiday, what are your plans for puppy?</p> <p>A = Puppy will come with us or I have full arrangements in place B = I know of several kennels and dog sitters but haven't contacted any yet C = One of my friends or family will help me out</p>			
<p>Do you plan on Training your puppy?</p> <p>A = Yes I've already found a good dog trainer to work with B = Yes I am reading books and will look for a local trainer if I need extra help C = Dogs will figure it out for themselves</p>			
Total			



Final Scores

	A	B	C
Add up the total score for each column in every section and put your grand totals in these three boxes			
Grand Total			

What your scores mean

If you scored mostly A – Wahoo – looks like you are well on the way to be ready for a puppy! This fun quiz is just a guide – so be sure to prepare by completing The Puppy Course. Your puppy will be your companion for many years – so set yourself up for success by learning how to raise a calm and well behaved member of the family right from the start – With the help of Faithful Friends that’s been made a lot easier for you!

If you scored mostly B – It looks like there are some things you have not fully considered or not everyone in your home is as excited and committed to this as you are. If you have ever had children then consider a new puppy is just like have a new born baby in the house. You will be sleep deprived, the house will occasionally smell like poo and there will be a lot of mess. However this season is a lot shorter with a puppy as they grow and mature a lot quicker than humans! Even so – it can be a huge shock to the system. You need to make sure everyone is ready!

If you scored mostly C – Um... Perhaps a trip to Build a bear workshop might be a better idea right now? – A puppy is a serious commitment and many times people jump in without much thought and find they have to return the puppy to the breeder or worse, deliver it to a dog rescue. This is unnecessary heartbreak and I just encourage you to think more carefully before you set out. Maybe a puppy is for some time later in your life. Or maybe you just need to take time to think everything through.

This is just a fun quiz – But please be aware that I have had people who would have answered mostly A’s return puppies because they were not as ready as they thought for the reality of their new fur family member.

So... WHATEVER YOUR SCORE – Please take some time and consider further the huge commitment of puppy parenting before you dive in.