

# The Cane Corso

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### Background:

The Cane Corso is a descendent of the Roman war dogs. After the fall of the Roman Empire he was used as a guard dog for family and property alike. He was also used (quite successfully), as a hunter of large game.

Industrialization, World War I and World War II nearly conspired to end the Cane Corso line. During the 1970's the dog was a complete unknown to anyone outside of Southern Italy, where only a few had survived. Doctor Paolo Breber can be credited with saving the breed. He began an intensive program with the remaining dogs and gained media notice soon afterwards.

The Cane Corso was recognized by the American Kennel Club in 2010 and has gained popularity in the U.S. since his introduction.

### Sizing up:

- Weight: 88-110 lbs.
- Height: 23 to 27 inches
- Coat: Short, stiff and dense
- Color: Black, plum-gray, slate, light gray, blue/gray, light fawn, deer fawn, dark fawn.
- Life expectancy: 10- 11 years

### What's the Cane Corso like?

The Cane Corso is a reliable and steadfast member of the family. He will be loyal, intelligent, and brave.

With an above average mental aptitude the Cane Corso will need a specific kind of training. He is strong willed so using aggression or force will get you nowhere. He will require firm and consistent training. Luckily he's eager to please you, so positive reinforcement will go a long way.

The Cane Corso is suspicious of strangers but will

tolerate them as long as you're present. He will be a protector when he needs to be and forms a lifelong bond with his family. Early socialization is important if you want the Corso to get along with new people or even other animals. He was bred to be a guardian and not a friend to outsiders.

He will need exercise every day. It's recommended that he not be allowed to play with young children because he's extremely powerful and might knock them over. Older kids make better playmates.

The Corso has sensitive ears but is otherwise very hearty. An electric fence often proves to be ineffective with this breed of dog.

He shouldn't require too much grooming, although we suggest brushing at least once per week.

### Health:

There are several conditions to be aware of when adding a Cane Corso to your family:

- [Hip dysplasia](#)
- Demodectic mange
- Gastric torsion

### Takeaway Points:

- The Cane Corso is a dependable watchdog. He might even protect other pets.
- The Cane Corso would rather avoid strangers but will tolerate them.
- The Can Corso is bred to be a working dog and requires daily exercise.

*If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.*