

# Men Are Dogs

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## *“Woman’s Guide to Choosing Her Breed of Man”*

*Author Jeannette Wright loves her 15-year-old Norwegian Elkhound, Shaka, which means “little warrior.” Jeannette and her husband Lance also own a borzoi named Strider.*



**B**efore you bark, snarl or growl at the title, understand that Jeannette Wright loves dogs – so much so, that she married one, a borzoi. “I knew I met the right guy when I met Lance. The borzoi is my favorite breed,” she said. “I had a borzoi in college and Lance reminded me so much of that dog, I just fell in love.”

*Men are Dogs* is a 268-page “Woman’s Guide to Choosing her Breed of Man.” The book compares 42 breeds of dogs to the types of men women fetch.

Jeannette, who was bred in Plano, was 12 when she got her first dog, a Samoyed. “When I was a little girl I was obsessed with dogs. I just loved to study books on the different breeds while other girls were spending their money on dolls,” she said.

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Her book is categorized into seven breed groups: Herding, Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, and Non-sporting. Each group describes various breeds of dogs by physical characteristics, abilities and interests, social skills, and the type of woman most suitable for each breed.

“A lot of women choose somebody out of a habit or a pattern versus what really is best for their long-term goals and needs,” said Jeannette. “Often we get swept away by our emotions. But if we can be clear about what we want, then a man has a better chance of pleasing us and we have a better chance of having a successful relationship.”

A section titled “Training” describes what motivates each breed, or man; some men respond well to praise while others require a reward, for example. Another section called “Typical Man” gives real-life stories told by men, some by their wives or family members, that reflect a breed’s character in responding to certain situations. Finally, a section called “Famous Man” names a fictional character from a movie that represents each breed.

“The book is a fun, playful way to help women appreciate the men in their lives,” said Jeannette. “And for women who are not in relationships, the book helps them find the perfect guy.”

What about women? Is there a “Man’s Guide for Choosing His Breed of Woman”? Because *Men are Dogs* took five years to complete, Jeannette said she’s not sure she has time to dig up another book. “But if I were to do a second book,” she said, “it would be *Women are Birds*. A lot of women think we are cats,” she pauses, “but with birds, you’ve got chickens, peacocks, vultures, hocks, eagles, hummingbirds, sparrows, and cardinals. You’ve got so many choices. And some of us like to be caged, or house birds, while a lot of women like to be free.”

Sounds appropriate since dogs like to chase birds. But what may not be

appropriate concerning men, women, and ... dogs, is the idea that a woman can change a man. In *Men are Dogs*, Jeannette doesn’t sit on the matter. The first chapter of the book explores the history of breeding, and the author suggests that when you know a man’s breed and how he evolved, you understand his behavior is innate, and you allow him to be who he is naturally.

“Women think, Well I love this about a man, but I don’t care for that, so I’ll change it ... you don’t do that with a dog!” Jeannette laughs. “If someone says, I want a dog to go jogging with me, right there you’ve taken out a Chihuahua or a Pomeranian. But a golden retriever – that’s a good possibility. Then, let’s say on top of that you want a dog that’s good with children. Well that refines it even more.

“I encourage women to find a guy who can support them in those things they want to accomplish,” Jeannette added. “It’s not that you have to always enjoy the same things, but your differences should improve the relationship rather than detract from it.”

Does the book’s title detract anyone who may be offended by it? Said Jeannette, “Anyone who knows me and knows how much I love dogs, knows that it’s a compliment. Some men think the title is demeaning until they realize the book helps women appreciate them.

“Sometimes I think a guy is going to be offended by a certain breed, like some guys at first may not want to be a poodle, but that’s what most women want! Poodles are the most intelligent!”

*Men are Dogs* has been featured in the

Plano Book Festival, the *Dallas Morning News*, *USA Today*, and on the “Today Show.” You can purchase the book and a T-shirt on [www.menaredogsbook.com](http://www.menaredogsbook.com).

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Why would we want to compare men to dog breeds? Isn’t that a bit demeaning? Not when you consider how wonderful dogs are! Men and dogs have much in common. Both are loyal, loving, and affectionate with those they bond to. They protect, comfort, and amuse us. And they usually try to please us, even if we don’t recognize their ways of doing so.

...If we go back in time, thousands of years ago, we know that it didn’t

take much for men and dogs to appreciate each other’s company. Dogs helped man on the hunt, and man let dogs have a share of the game. Over time men bred dogs to complement themselves and their interests. The breeds became more defined and more specialized, as did men. The reason I’m comparing men to dogs,

instead of women to dogs, is because men, more than women, developed most of the breeds. Men were imitating themselves with the different breeds. Dog breeds were engineered to assist man, not woman. We can assume that since men bred dogs to assist them, they were encouraging traits they admired in themselves.

