

# Puppy Temperament Types

Here at Hoosier Canines, our aim is to breed puppies that possess wonderful temperaments. Each puppy is special, with its own distinct personality. While every pup is unique, we typically find that most fall into one or two of these 4 main temperament categories. In preparation for the “selection process,” we observe the puppies closely and place them into these four groups described below. Keep in mind that puppies can change over time, and much of their personality will develop based on how they are raised and trained. Therefore, our current observations may evolve as the puppy matures.

## **1. Laid-back, Gentle, Easygoing, Calm**

Puppies in this category are known for their relaxed and laid-back demeanor. They are generally low-energy and content to observe their surroundings without rushing to investigate. While they still enjoy playtime, they are usually quick to settle down and find a spot to rest. This type of puppy is well-suited for individuals or families with a quieter lifestyle or smaller living spaces. Although they may sometimes seem a bit reserved at a young age, they typically grow more confident as they mature. Keep in mind, these puppies still have moments of playfulness as part of their natural Bernedoodle spirit.

## **2. Balanced, Adaptable, Playful, Moderately Active**

This type represents puppies with an adaptable temperament that sits between calm and active. They are playful and social but not overly boisterous. These puppies are equally happy joining in on fun activities and lounging around when playtime ends. Their versatility makes them a great fit for a variety of households, including families with moderate activity levels or individuals who enjoy both downtime and occasional outdoor play. This balanced type is perfect for those seeking a mix of calm and cheerful engagement.

### **3. Fun-loving, Active, Goofy, Sociable**

Puppies in this category are a bit more active and playful but not the most intense in terms of activity. They have friendly, outgoing personalities and enjoy exploring and interacting with people and other pets. While they love action and play, they are also content to calm down and relax when playtime is over. This group is perfect for families looking for an engaging and interactive pet without the high maintenance of constant exercise. They're known for their silly antics and lovable, fun-loving nature.

### **4. High-energy, Adventurous, Outgoing, Spirited**

This type includes puppies that are naturally more adventurous and full of energy. They thrive on action and are often the first to explore new environments or join in play. These puppies are active, social, and enjoy being the center of attention. They are perfect for families with children or those who lead a very active lifestyle and can offer plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. With proper training, even more energetic puppies can adapt to smaller spaces, but they do require regular activity to prevent boredom and misbehavior.

*\*Note: It's important to remember that each puppy is unique, and characteristics can overlap. While a high-energy puppy may have moments of calm, and an easygoing puppy may show playful bursts, their core temperament generally aligns with one of these categories.*