

A Rainbow of Purebred Dogs

seat on a plane, they will live happily in the smallest apartment, yet are energetic enough to jog with you, swim, and camp if you're the outdoorsy type. He's happy to be a dog, and walk rather than being carried, but he's too smart to refuse pampering if it's offered."

Breeders and eloquent authors Bill Gorodner and Lloyd Alton have shared their lives for five decades and credit their love of both Cockers and Pugs for their longevity. Their fondness for the Pug is unmistakable: "The Pug is droll, upbeat, and a true sybarite at heart and blends perfectly with a gay guy's quest for joy and creature comforts. From the late Duchess of Windsor to Lena Horne, Pugs have filled the bill as bosom buddies. Their comedic antics can raise the gay spirit from any of life's downers. The real thing, a Pug, whether in flashy fawn or basic black, is a perfect addition for a happy gay life."

THE NON-SPORTING GROUP

In the group that the AKC labels Non-Sporting, we naturally find many of the gayest of all breeds. The Poodle, the Bichon Frisé, the French Bulldog, and the Lhasa Apso are among the top-ten gay breeds; other Non-Sporting faves include the Shiba Inu, the Tibetan Terrier, the Löwchen, the Bulldog, the Tibetan Spaniel, and the Chow Chow. The Non-Sporting dogs are, by definition, misfits—they don't fit into any other group and no longer perform their original functions.

Perhaps this explains why gay men are so fond of these unusual breeds.

The author has owned Shibas for the past sixteen years, and I can attest to the fact that a dog doesn't get any gayer than a Shiba! It's all drama, pleasure seeking, and attitude. Shibas are natural beauties, easy on the eyes; they are full of themselves, never burning with the desire to please you. Shibas are thoughtful and well meaning, which is rarely true of gay boys with tails as eye catching as the Shiba's.

Gay Icons and Their Dogs

Edward Albee.....	Irish Wolfhound
Bill Blass	Golden Retriever
Orlando Bloom.....	Sloughi/hound mix
Marlon Brando.....	Mastiff
Truman Capote.....	Bulldog
Oleg Cassini	Shih Tzu
Jake Gyllenhaal.....	Puggle/Shepherd mix
Elton John.....	Cocker/Shepherd/Rottweiler
Greg Louganis.....	Great Dane
Barry Manilow	Basset Hound
Ricky Martin.....	Golden Retriever
Michelangelo	Pomeranian
Brad Pitt.....	Weimaraner
Jason Priestley.....	French Bulldog
Yves St. Laurent.....	Boston Terrier/Frenchie
Rick Springfield.....	Bull Terrier/Great Dane
Sting.....	Irish Wolfhound
Justin Timberlake.....	Yorkshire Terrier
Rudolph Valentino.....	Pug