

IT'S A FABULOUS LIFE

Once you find your life partner, the world becomes a different place, a better place. When that perfect mate has a soft beard, a wet nose and four legs, it's even better.

Your new companion doesn't cringe at the word *commitment*, and he lives for you! Day and night, he's always ready for whatever you have in mind, work or play. He can be trained to live by your rules, he can be fun and easy to have around, and he always responds to the *come* command. He doesn't require extravagant gifts or fancy meals, and you can never forget his birthday because he doesn't know that he has one. He even thinks of you as his master.

Inevitably, all your jealous friends will ask how you two met. For once, you don't have to say Match.com or a *Times* personal ad. For once, your involvement with a "breeder" has led to good things! For once, you can be certain that your parents are going to love him—leash, harness, wiggly walk and all.

Choosing a beautiful dog, an impressive dog, a purebred dog is one of life's greatest privileges. Identifying yourself with a breed of dog adds to your own profile. You're no longer just a gay recovering Catholic, French-Filipino Aries power-bottom Bear accountant, now you're a gay recovering Catholic, French-Filipino Aries power-bottom Bear accountant who owns two Lhasa Apsos! (Let's make it perfectly clear from the onset of this book, *Woof!* is not about labels.) Finding the right dog for you, one who will fit into your lifestyle, home, and Ferragamo messenger bag, is part of the noble mission of this book. We will examine your own temperament, living conditions, and needs as well as describe dozens of fabulous purebred dogs for you. Now we move on to the "C" word.