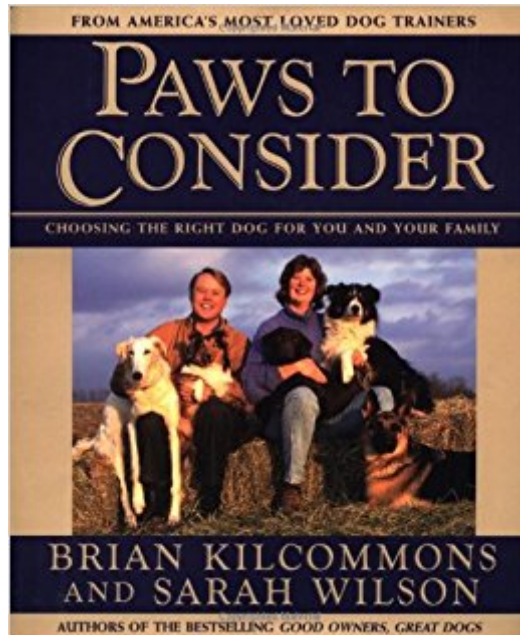




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# Paws To Consider: Choosing The Right Dog For You And Your Family



## Synopsis

The authors of "Good Owners, Great Dogs" provide the straight scoop on selecting the perfect dog for one's lifestyle and personality. Photos.

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## Customer Reviews

BRAIN KILCOMMONS and SARAH WILSON are America's premier dog trainers and authors of numerous dog books. Brian hosted the national television series Pet News, was a past director at the City of New York Center for Animal Care and Control, and is on the faculty of Tufts University Veterinary School of Medicine. Sarah is also a media commentator, video producer, and publisher, whose articles have appeared in the Boston Globe, Philadelphia Inquirer, and Cosmopolitan.

I have bought 3 books. "Paws to Consider," "Choosing a Dog for Dummies," and "The right dog for you" When it came to helping me choose a dog breed, I found "Paws to Consider" to be the best. I think that because of the mass amount of research, with various books at my library and on the internet, this book led me to the right dog. I like this book the best because of the way the book lays the dog breeds out. If you are like me, you thoroughly evaluated your lifestyle, budget, and time and went into the search of a dog breed with a main objective or a specific type of dog in mind. This book basically breaks down various dog breeds into categories that will fit your objective or dog type. For example, there are chapters called "The Nine-to-Five Dog," "The Family Dog," "The City Dog," "The Watchdog," "The Indoor Companion," and "The Low-Shed Breeds." It makes it EXTREMELY simple by breaking things down into these practical categories. I found that I did not take advantage of the "Look Inside" feature. However, I do not regret my purchases. I found each of

them are useful in their own way. In conclusion, LOOK at the table of contents and see if the book is laid out the way you like it. Side Note: I also wrote reviews for the other books if you are curious about my thoughts on the other books.

The best thing about this book is the common sense advice the authors give--("If you live in an all-white house, don't get a Bouvier des Flandres"). The realistic expectations, both good and bad, outlined for each breed are infinitely more helpful than, say, the breed standards promulgated by the AKC. Most of us want a pet, not a show-dog. While the information on each breed is very specific, there is helpful information in the beginning for any dog owner or potential owner. I also bought "Good Owners, Great Dogs" by the same authors. Great book as well.

One of my favorite books about dogs and a must read for the experienced or novice dog owner who is considering getting a new dog. Detailed information including the pros and cons of each breed. I cannot give enough praise for the comprehensive content of this book.

Brian Kilcommons has a few books, he is a fantastic trainer, his advice is spot on. Practical, no nonsense, easy to follow, and it works. Kilcommons books should be required reading for anyone with a dog, or thinking of getting a dog. He has a book called Great Owners, Good Dogs, and one for cats, and they are just wonderful. Seriously, get his book.

Kilcommons and Wilson do a nice job summarizing pluses and minuses of breeds you're likely to encounter. However, if you're a pessimist you'll conclude that all of them have problems. Truth is that all breeds have their share of temperament and health challenges. You'll need to weigh training time and vet care costs against time joyfully spent with your dog. I wouldn't trade the years with my Shelties for anything. That's what you need to remember as you read this book. Some of the Swiss Mountain Dogs are missing - no Entlebucher, Appenzeller, or Greater Swiss, but Bernese Mountain Dogs are accurately described.

I loved this book! I had absolutely no idea what kind of dog I wanted to get before reading this book. This book separates the breeds into very logical chapters and also cross-references other chapters that the dogs would fit in. I love dogs so much that I was only able to reduce the number that I'd love to 19, but it made me consider breeds that I never would have before. Once I reviewed my 19 with my family, we were able to bring it down to 6 and I'm now doing research on those 6 in order to

determine which one we'll buy. This is a great read if you're toggling between a few breeds and want to make sure you consider the good and the bad in the breeds.

We have owned several dogs in the past and when our last one passed away we decided to do some research this time. We bought 5 books on dogs looking for advice on choosing a dog. This book was far and away the most entertaining to read and in some ways the most useful. The last chapter entitled "Not for Everyone" is hilarious. The book isn't comprehensive nor does it take everyone's opinions into account. Rather it unabashably gives the opinions of experienced dog trainers who aren't afraid to speak their minds about various breeds of dogs. It has the feel of a friendly chat. I recommend this book highly although you might want to purchase other books to supplement it.

This is overall a great book. Kilcommins and Wilson break the dogs into several categories, and define them from there. These people actually know what they are talking about, and list not only the positives of the breeds, but also the negatives, health problems, and other basics of character. This is not some basic dog care manual, this book is written by working dog trainers who have spent their lives with dogs. The only thing is on some breeds they lack some information. They could go in deeper into some of the breeds character. An overall good book, but don't base what dog breed you want to get just on this book.

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