

MOST POPULAR BREEDS IN THE NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA

Mirror, mirror on the wall, what is the most popular dog breed of all?

Inspired by New York City's American Kennel Club (AKC®) Meet the Breeds event, the world's largest gathering of dogs and cats, the AKC ranked the most popular dog breeds based on 2011 registration statistics. Most popular dogs in other major U.S. cities can be found online at <http://www.akc.org/reg/topdogsbycity.cfm>.

YORKSHIRE TERRIER REMAINS NYC'S TOP DOG

Once again, the Yorkshire Terrier defied the nation by surpassing the Labrador Retriever to become NYC's top dog according to the American Kennel Club's (AKC®) 2011 ranking of the most popular dogs in the U.S.

"The French Bulldog made strong gains on its quest to overtake the Yorkshire Terrier as top dog in the Big Apple," said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "This fun loving breed jumped two places to become the third most popular and looks like he has his eye on the top spot."

New York City's Most Popular Breeds 2011	New York City's 2010 Ranking
1. Yorkshire Terrier	1. Yorkshire Terrier
2. Labrador Retriever	2. Labrador Retriever
3. French Bulldog	3. German Shepherd Dog
4. German Shepherd Dog	4. Bulldog
5. Bulldog	5. French Bulldog
6. Poodle	6. Shih Tzu
7. Shih Tzu	7. Dachshund
8. Golden Retriever	8. Rottweiler
9. Rottweiler	9. Maltese
10. Havanese	10. Poodle

**Registration data pulled from New York City zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service*

Other trends in New York City dogs, according to AKC 2011 registration statistics, include:

- New to Manhattan's top 10 are the Golden Retriever (up six places to number eight) and the Havanese (up three places to number 10).
- While the Golden and Havanese made strong gains in their quest for the top spot, the Maltese dropped out of the top 10 altogether (down two places to eleventh).
- Local top 10 tumbles last year included the German Shepherd (down one place to fourth), Bulldog (down one place to fifth), and Shih Tzu (down one place to seventh).

LABRADOR RETRIEVER REMAINS NORTHERN NJ'S TOP DOG

Once again, the Labrador Retriever is Northern NJ's top dog according to the American Kennel Club's (AKC®) 2011 ranking of the most popular dogs in the U.S.

"It's not surprising that the Yorkshire Terrier is Northern New Jersey's second most popular dog," said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "Much like New Jersey, Yorkies offer big personalities in a small package."

Northern NJ's Most Popular Breeds 2011	Northern NJ's 2010 Ranking
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. Yorkshire Terrier/German Shepherd Dog **	2. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever	3. Shih Tzu
5. Bulldog	4. German Shepherd Dog
6. Shih Tzu	5. Bulldog
7. Maltese	6. Golden Retriever
8. Chihuahua	7. Maltese
9. Boxer	8. Chihuahua
10. Poodle	9. Boxer
	10. Poodle

**Registration data pulled from Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, and Essex County zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service*

***Tied for #2*

Other trends in New Jersey dogs, according to AKC 2011 registration statistics, include:

- The German Shepherd (up two to second) and Golden Retriever (up two to fourth) both advanced within Northern New Jersey's top 10.
- The Shih Tzu tumbled three spots last year to become Northern New Jersey's sixth most popular dog.
- The French Bulldog looked poised to enter the top 10, but remained 11th most popular once again last year.

LABRADOR RETRIEVER REMAINS LONG ISLAND'S TOP DOG

Once again, the Labrador Retriever is Long Island's top dog according to the American Kennel Club's (AKC®) 2011 ranking of the most popular dogs in the U.S.

"Lookout Labs," said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "The Golden Retriever made a strong play for Long Island's top spot by leaping over the German Shepherd to land as second most popular last year."

Long Island's Most Popular Breeds 2011	Long Island's 2010 Ranking
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. Golden Retriever	2. German Shepherd Dog
3. German Shepherd Dog	3. Golden Retriever
4. Bulldog	4. Yorkshire Terrier
5. Rottweiler	5. Shih Tzu

6. Poodle	6. Bulldog
7. Boxer	7. Rottweiler
8. Yorkshire Terrier	8. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
9. Shih Tzu	9. Poodle
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	10. Havanese

**Registration data pulled from Long Island zip codes as specified by U.S. Postal Service*

Other trends with Long Island dogs, according to AKC 2011 registration statistics, include:

- The powerful and intelligent Boxer entered Long Island's top 10 last year by jumping four places to number seven, while the small yet sturdy Havanese slipped from 10th place to 13th most popular.
- Smaller breeds seemed to fall out of favor last year as the Yorkshire Terrier (number eight), Shi Tzu (number nine), and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (number 10) all took top 10 tumbles.
- The Bulldog (number four), Rottweiler (number five) and Poodle (number six) all made top 10 gains on their quest to become most popular.