

Prologue

Nothing is cuter than seeing and petting such a small, cuddly puppy. Especially for children, this is a unique experience. Who wouldn't want such a sweet little dog to take home and pamper as their own stuffed animal? Do you know the movie Beethoven? No? Then let me explain what happens there in the first scenes.

A Saint Bernard puppy is stolen from a pet store with a large group of other puppies by two thieves. However, the puppy manages to escape and sneaks into the Newton family home.

Father George Newton does not really want a dog, much less a large Saint Bernard, but the rest of the family adores the newborn animal. Resisting, George agrees anyway. And then the misery begins.

Beethoven grows from a puppy into a giant male dog. The family adores him. The dog helps daughter Ryce with her love problems, protects son Ted from bullies, and rescues Emily from the pool when she falls in due to the negligence of the babysitter. But Beethoven also messes up and runs over everything, drools and makes everything dirty. After each incident, a frustrated

“Beethoven!!!!” is then heard, upon which the dog wisely shies away.

In short: the dog that seemed so cute as a puppy turns out to be quite an obstacle as an adult. Especially in the eyes of father George.

Why do I come up with this example? Because it happens so often in everyday life too.

To know if you are the ideal dog owner, let me help you!

Ask yourself some questions:

- Have you thought carefully about whether a dog would fit into your family?
- Do you have enough time to spend with your pet?
- Are you prepared to invest time and patience in potty training?
- Are you aware of the breed that suits you?
- Are you a person with much or little energy? Are you choosing a breed or dog that is suited to that?
- Is no one allergic to dog hair?
- What if you go on vacation?
- Will you take the dog with you or will you choose to place your beloved pet somewhere?
- Do you have enough budget to pay for a pet boarding facility?
- What if your dog becomes seriously ill?

- Can you pay the expenses or will you opt for pet insurance?
- Are you willing to take your dog for a walk for at least half an hour every day? Playing in the garden is not enough.
- Who can take the dog for a walk if the owner gets sick?
- Are you willing to take poop bags with you and clean up thoroughly so you don't bother your fellow man?
- Will you not forget to offer your dear friend fresh drinking water several times a day?

Do you have a clear answer to all the questions?

Are they positive?

Then read on!

If not, perhaps you are not the right owner for any dog, no matter how much you would like that puppy.