

The Secret To Choosing A Dog For Your Child



Many children love dogs. Movies such as *101 Dalmatians*, *Beethoven*, and *Lady and the Tramp* can leave children wanting a dog. It's often a dream of families to have the Lassie/Timmy bond between child and family pet. We can talk about whether or not these are realistic dreams, but that is not the point of this post. Instead, let's focus on the first secret to choosing the best dog for your child.

Kids and Dogs Can Be A Good Combination

Here is simple advice to choosing a dog for a family with children: **Choose the dog the mom or dad wants.** It's a simple start. And it's my one non-negotiable point in choosing a dog.

Perhaps you are now thinking, "But I don't want a dog." Yep...then that's the dog, to get none. Because the reality is that no matter how much you want that Timmy/Lassie relationship, if the adults in the house don't want the dog, it will rarely work out well.

Don't get a dog for your child. Get a dog because you really want a dog, and then let your child partner with you in raising your dog.

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