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They come in all shapes and sizes, each with a personality all of their own. Some are energetic and boisterous whilst others can be docile and shy. In many cases they've become a true member of the family, such is their capacity to give and attract affection.

Yes, I'm referring of course to our dog, known for generations as '*man's best friend*'.



And yet there's another whose faithful friendship is even more special... one whose love is greater than any other and who promises everlasting companionship....

Bullmastiff

Big and strong, courageous, alert and intelligent, the Bullmastiff makes an excellent guard dog. And yet the security that many of us need today goes well beyond anything even the very best guard dog could provide. Our 'enemies' are more likely to be those of anxiety,

depression and the pain of broken relationships.

Yet against such a backdrop many have found a unique form of 'protection' through entering into a personal relationship with Almighty God and are thus able to say...



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God... in whom I take refuge.

Psalm 18:2

But to know the peace of God in the midst of life's struggles we must first find peace WITH God... and this is only possible through entering into a personal relationship with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who says...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Of course this is only part of the story...

Golden Retriever

It's perhaps no real surprise that the Golden Retriever is a firm favourite with families. After all they are athletic and playful, even-tempered and well-behaved around young children. At Dog Shows however, as with other breeds, each is rated for how well their appearance conforms to a standard.

But of course when God 'rates' our lives He uses a different measure altogether...

People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7



And we wouldn't want Him to put on public show much of what He sees...

...out of the heart (the essential self) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Matthew 15:19

The consequences of which are as serious as they come...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully there is a way of escape...

Cocker Spaniel

At times of earthquake and other natural disasters sniffer dogs play a vital role in search and rescue work. And this is where the Cocker Spaniel, with its hunting instinct, agility and excellent sense of smell, really comes into its own. But although many victims have been saved in this way, when it comes to *eternal* life-saving we must make a positive response to God's unique rescue initiative...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

...the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

So when seeking His forgiveness, we turn away from all we know to be wrong... and invite the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord... we're given a brand new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

...with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle, pleasing to God...

German Shepherd

Faithfulness is a quality outstanding amongst many breeds, hence the dog being known as 'man's best friend'. German Shepherds are one good example, and this, along with other attributes, makes them a popular choice with the police and military.

Of course, this also mirrors the loyalty and commitment that the Lord Jesus asks of all who would be His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

But then, in return, God also promises His never-ending commitment, companionship and loyalty to us... whoever we are, and whatever our life circumstances...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5



Labrador

Over the years many a blind person has relied upon their guide dog to provide their 'seeing eyes'. And Labradors are often used in this way, due to their temperament and intelligence.

Of course, in matters of everlasting life and death we need to be 'guided' by the Lord Jesus Christ who says...

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

And it's He who poses the greatest challenge facing each of us today when, in referring to Himself, He says...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Yet how easily we can ignore or reject Him, the consequences of which are surely unthinkable...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So why not reach out to Him now, the One who will lead you to a wonderful future and prove to be the best friend you could ever have.

