



A dog: man's and woman's best friend

It has always been known dog is man's best friend but it seems he is also pretty handy at getting the attention of the ladies as well.

In an online survey by Petcare Information and Advisory Service, 81% of women responding said a man who owns a dog is more appealing than one who does not.

A further 38% said he most appealing dog for a man to own was



either a labrador or a golden retriever, while 82% of women said the type of dog a man owns was a reflection of his personality. A labrador or retriever was associated by many with responsible family men.

The types of dogs which were least appealing were pugs, shih-tzus and poodles; the dogs also nominated by 62% of women as likely to be owned by sensitive men.

The survey also showed that 82% of respondents would be more likely to have a conversation with a man if he had a dog with him.

"These results are a light-hearted look at the relationship between man and his four legged best friend but they are supported by a wide range of academic research, including recent research conducted at the University of Western Australia," Susie Willis from the Petcare Information and Advisory Service said.

"Research by Dr Lisa Wood at that university's school of population health showed that pets encourage social contact, the exchange of favours and increased perceptions of the friendliness of a suburb and sense of community."