

Are you ready for a wolf-dog hybrid?

There can be some great aspects to a relationship with a wolf-dog hybrid. If you are sure you are willing to accept and deal with all of the things written here thus far, and commit to fifteen years of association with such an animal, there may be a wonderful relationship waiting. But only for those who don't value possessions, don't want to always be obeyed, and who have plenty of time and energy to spend with a very high maintenance animal.

Wolf-dog hybrids are intelligent, loving, loyal, and independent. In many ways they are more catlike than doglike. Unlike many domestic dogs they have the ability to reason, to evaluate, to think through a problem. One must always be a step ahead of their thinking processes. So, you must learn to think like a wolf. Think that's silly? Wait...

A wolf-dog hybrid will welcome you as a member of the pack, eventually, once properly socialized. The bond formed will be for the animal's life—they do not rehome well. You may be the Alpha of the pack, but you will not be Master. He can be your equal in many things, your better in some, and a very solid companion over all.

These animals can make great jogging partners, if you can keep up. And good companions for exploring the wilderness, though they need to be kept on a leash, as recall when distracted is minimal. Even dog sledding and ski-joring aren't beyond them—though they are intelligent enough to ask you to run in harness when they tire.

When you are sick, they will want to stay close, making sure you have plenty to occupy your mind by keeping them from mischief. Of course their mealtimes cannot be skipped at such a time, or they would have to make their own dinner. Don't bother to get up, they can find what they need in the refrigerator.

Their songs are beautiful and can give you the impression of being in the wilderness. Hopefully your neighbors within a mile radius appreciate the songs as much as you do, as those melodies are most often heard in the wee hours of the morning.

Why do you want a wolf-dog hybrid? Do some real soul searching. Is it because it would be 'cool' to own a piece of the wild? Or because wolves are beautiful? Or that wolves have always been an interest? Look deep; is it an ego thing, a want to control a wild creature? If so, a wolf-dog hybrid would be a very poor choice of companion canine for you. In reality, what can a wolf-dog hybrid provide for you that a northern breed dog could not?

No matter what the reason for wanting such a high maintenance animal, be sure you are willing to make his/her quality of life as enriched as it can possibly be. Be sure you are willing to commit for the long haul—that little ball of fluff who will grow to be a 90 to 130 pound adult canine depends on you, his pack leader, his brother, his friend. Don't let him down.