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CHOOSE THE **PERFECT BREED** FOR YOU

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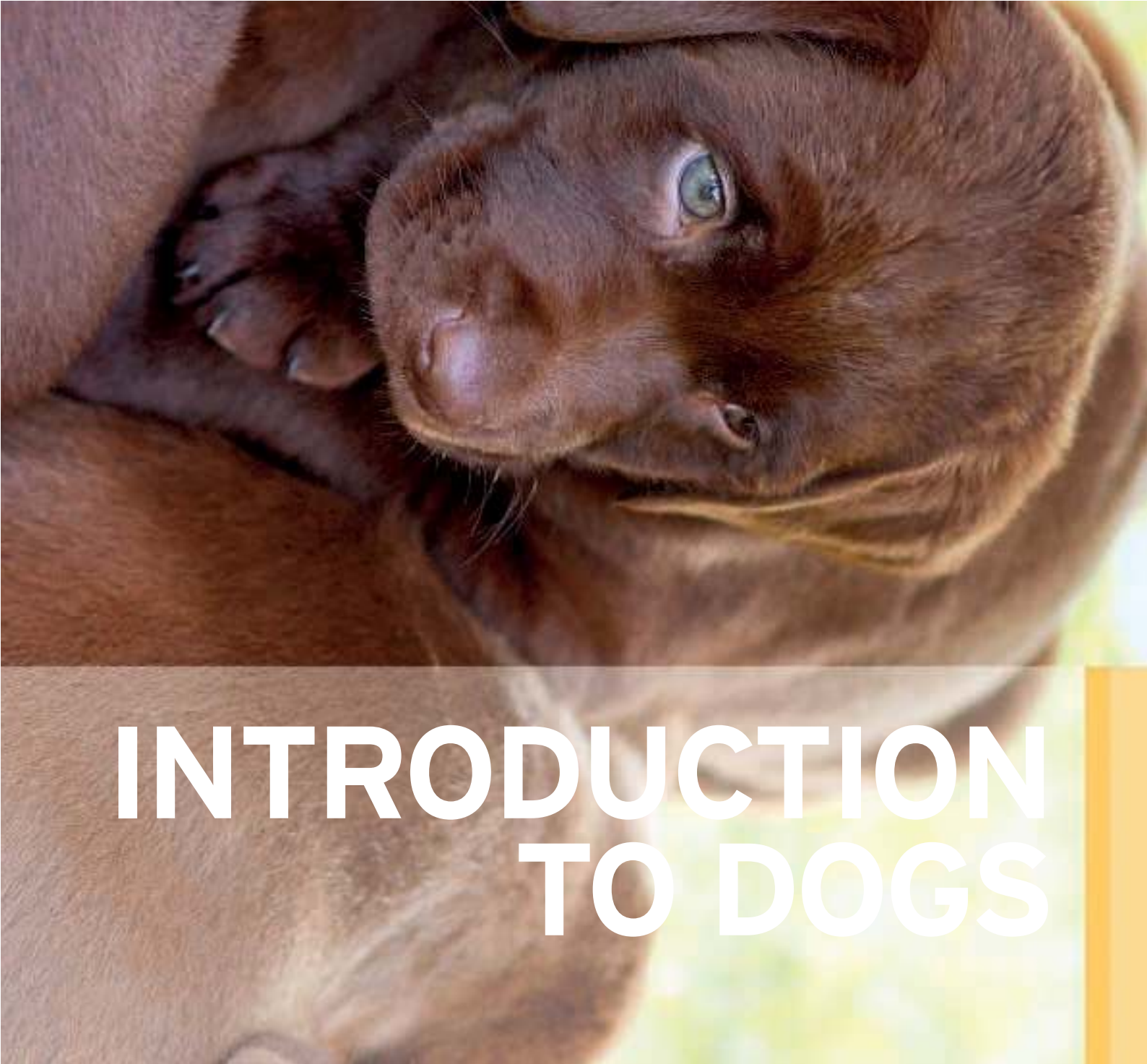


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INTRODUCTION TO DOGS

WHAT IS A DOG?

The evolution of the dog from wild predator to domestic companion has been greatly influenced by human intervention. It has taken just a few hundred years to produce seemingly endless variations on the canine theme—but planned breeding has not removed the basic characteristics of the dog's ancestor, the wolf.



Dogs are social animals

Evolution of the dog

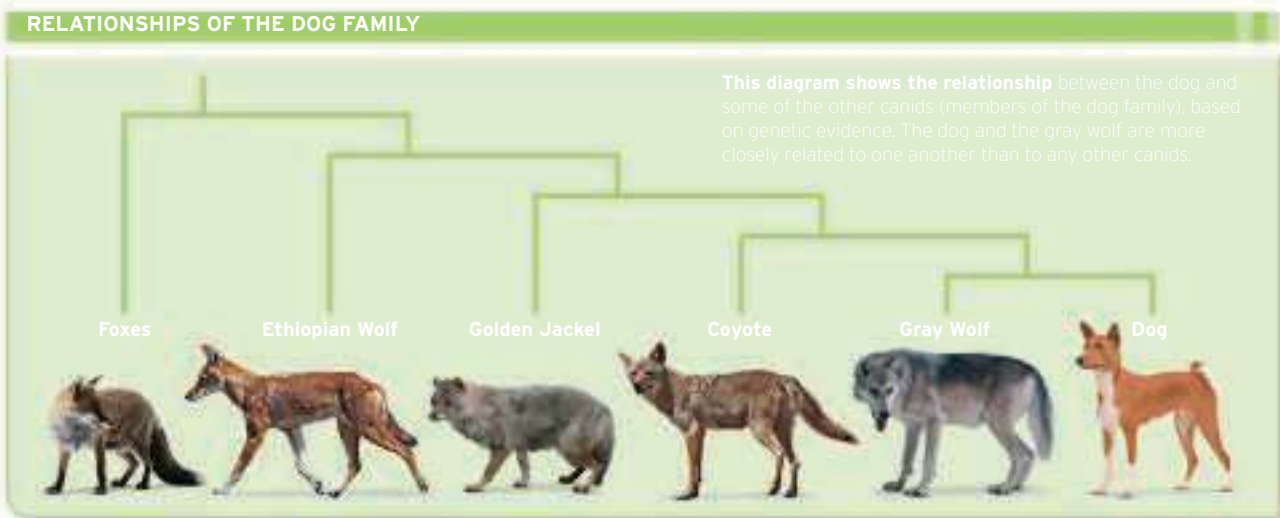
Domestication of the dog is a process that has been ongoing for thousands of years. It is believed that the first dogs were domesticated from wild canids, such as wolves and coyotes, around 15,000 years ago.

Over time, humans have selectively bred dogs for various traits, such as size, color, and temperament. This has led to the wide variety of dog breeds that we see today.

Despite their diverse appearances, all dogs share a common ancestor and many of the same basic characteristics, such as their ability to form strong social bonds with humans and other dogs.

In from the wild

While dogs have been domesticated for thousands of years, they still retain many of the traits of their wild ancestors. For example, dogs are highly social animals and often form strong bonds with their owners.





The shape of a head

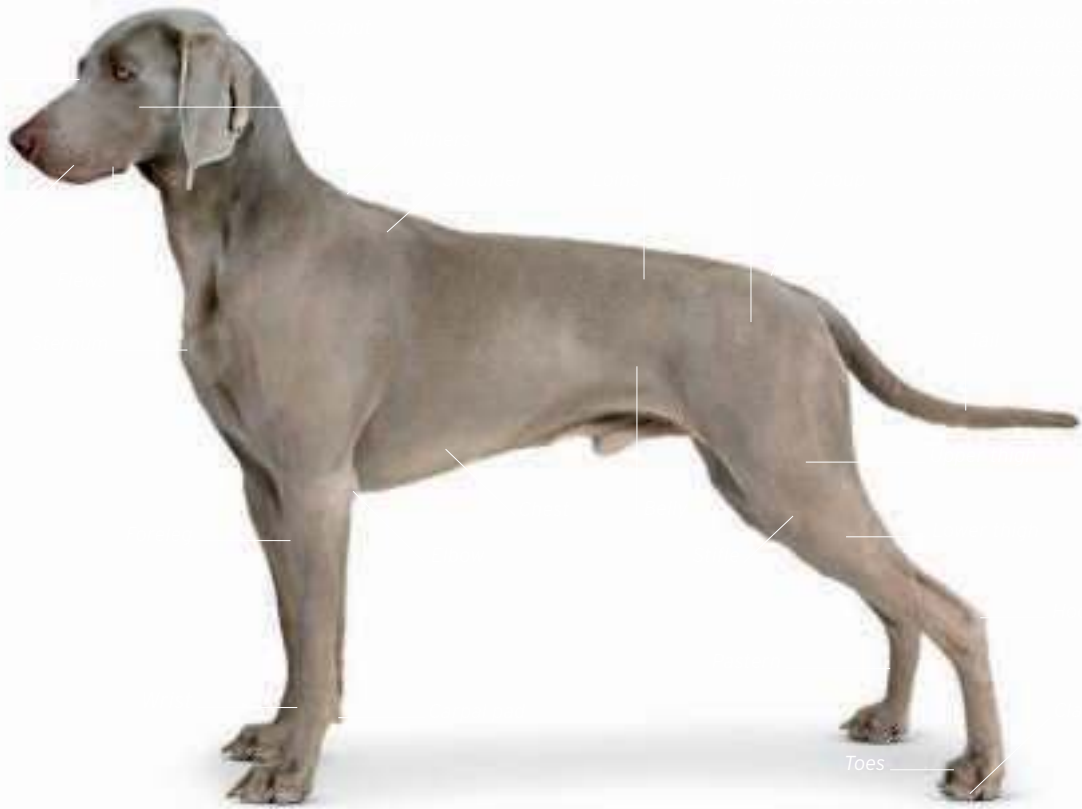


Dog anatomy

Dog DNA

Doing things cooperatively is an inbuilt canine characteristic. Most domestic dogs look to humans as their pack leaders.





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HOW DOGS ARE GROUPED IN THIS BOOK





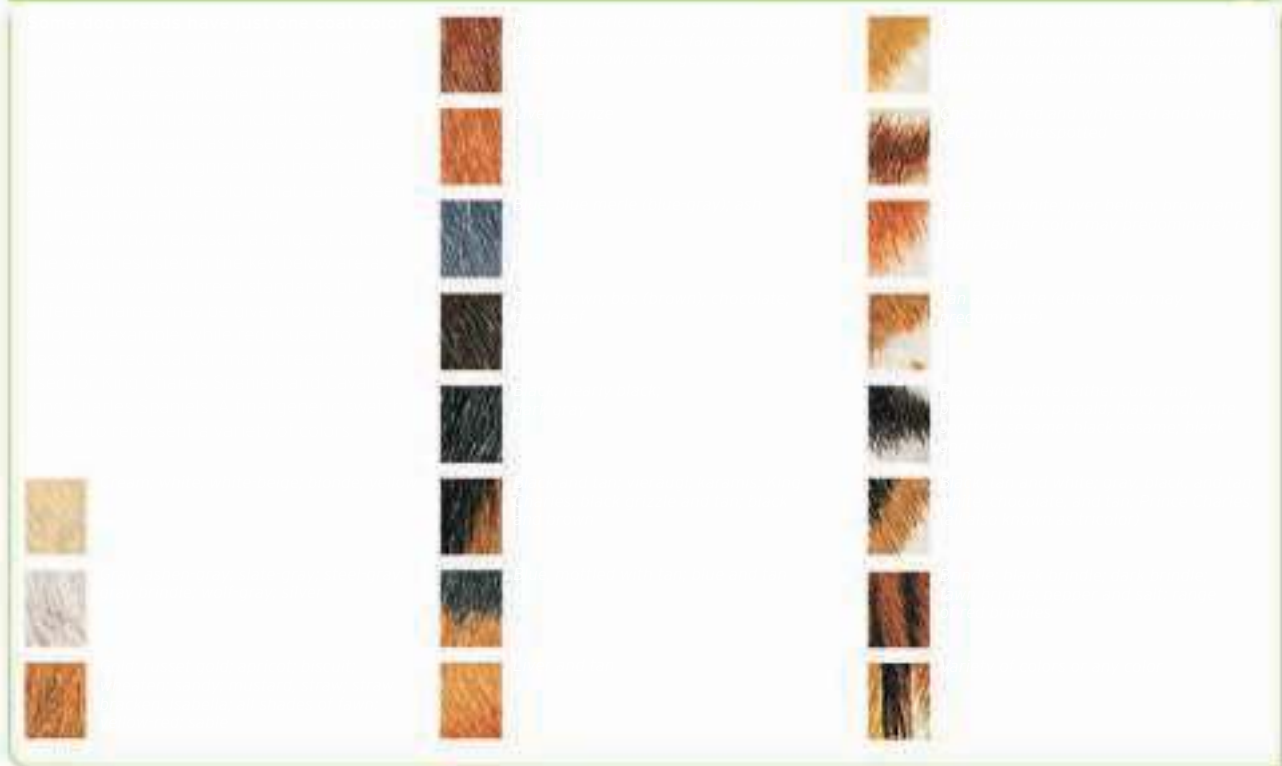
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COAT COLORS



CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOG



A puppy can grow into a big dog, so know what you are buying

The dog you choose will probably be your companion for the next ten or twelve years, so making the right decision is important. Being faced with more than 400 different breeds with a variety of exercise, training, and grooming needs can be bewildering. This section provides advice and flowcharts to help you narrow down your choice.

The perfect match

When you choose a dog, you are choosing a companion for the next ten or twelve years. It's important to choose a dog that fits your lifestyle and needs. Consider the dog's exercise, training, and grooming requirements. A dog that requires a lot of exercise and training may not be the best choice for someone who is busy or has a limited budget. A dog that requires a lot of grooming may not be the best choice for someone who is not willing to spend a lot of money on grooming. Take the time to research different breeds and their needs. Visit a dog show or a breed-specific website to learn more about different breeds. Talk to a veterinarian or a professional dog trainer for advice. Remember, the dog you choose should be a good fit for your lifestyle and needs.

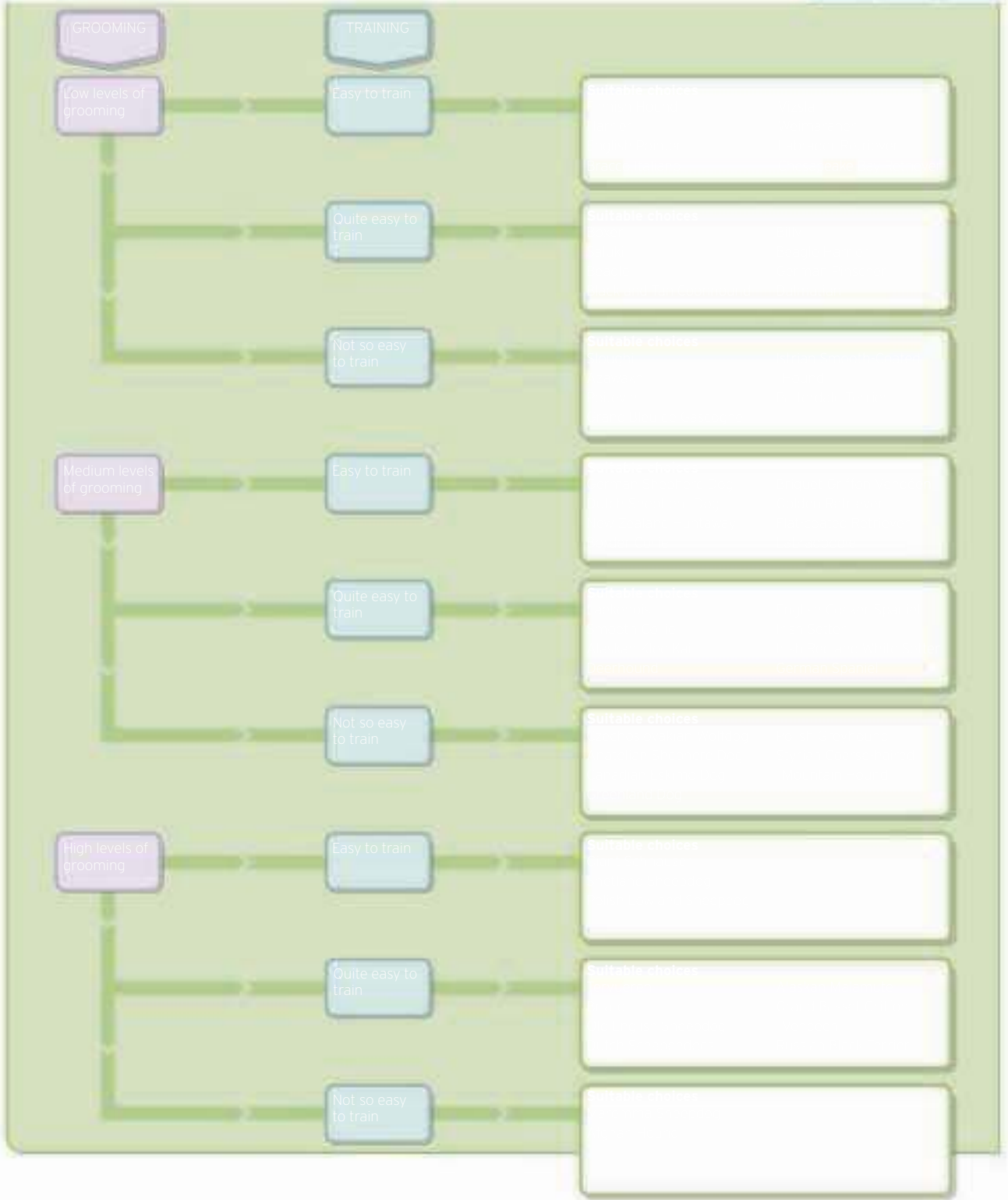
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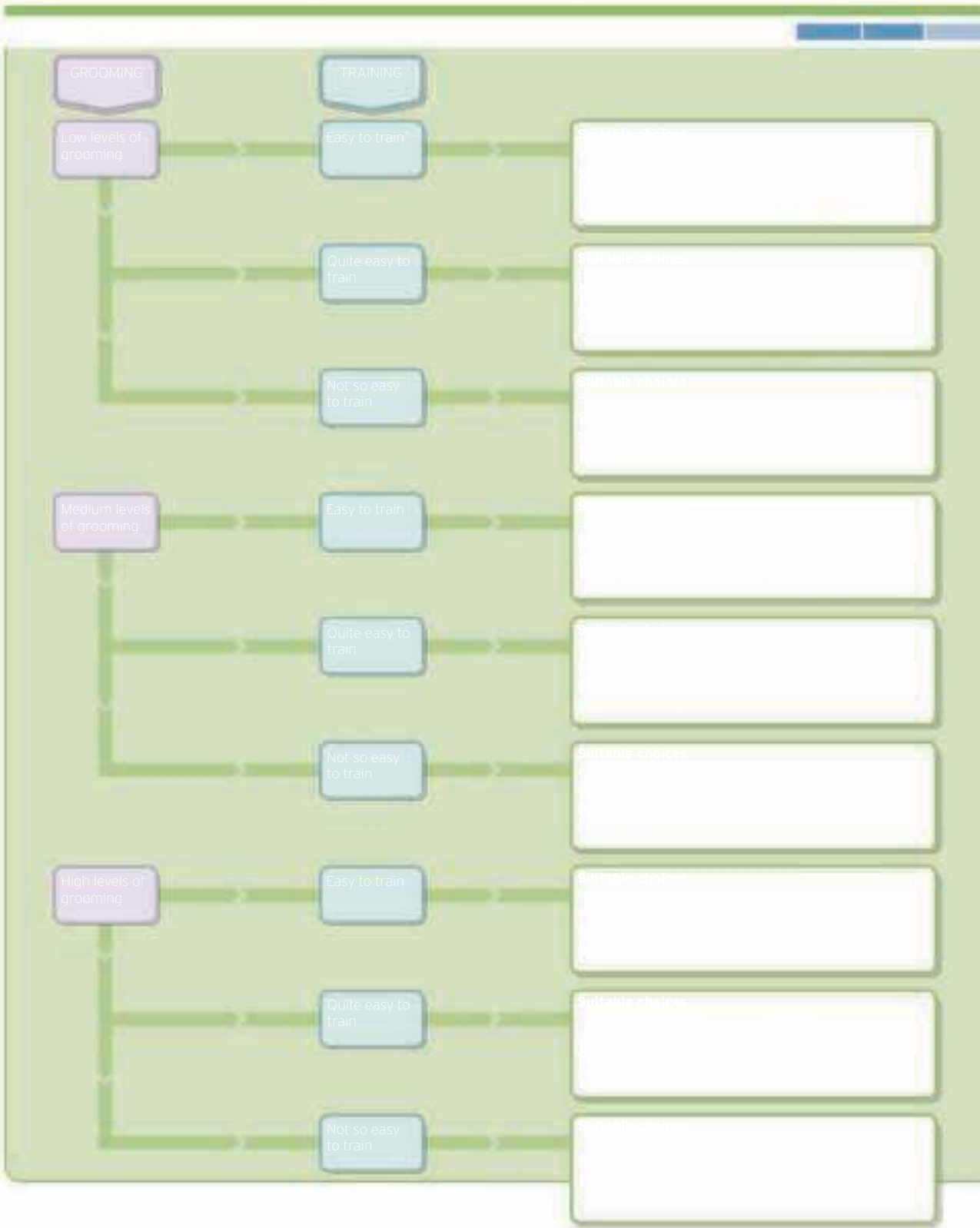
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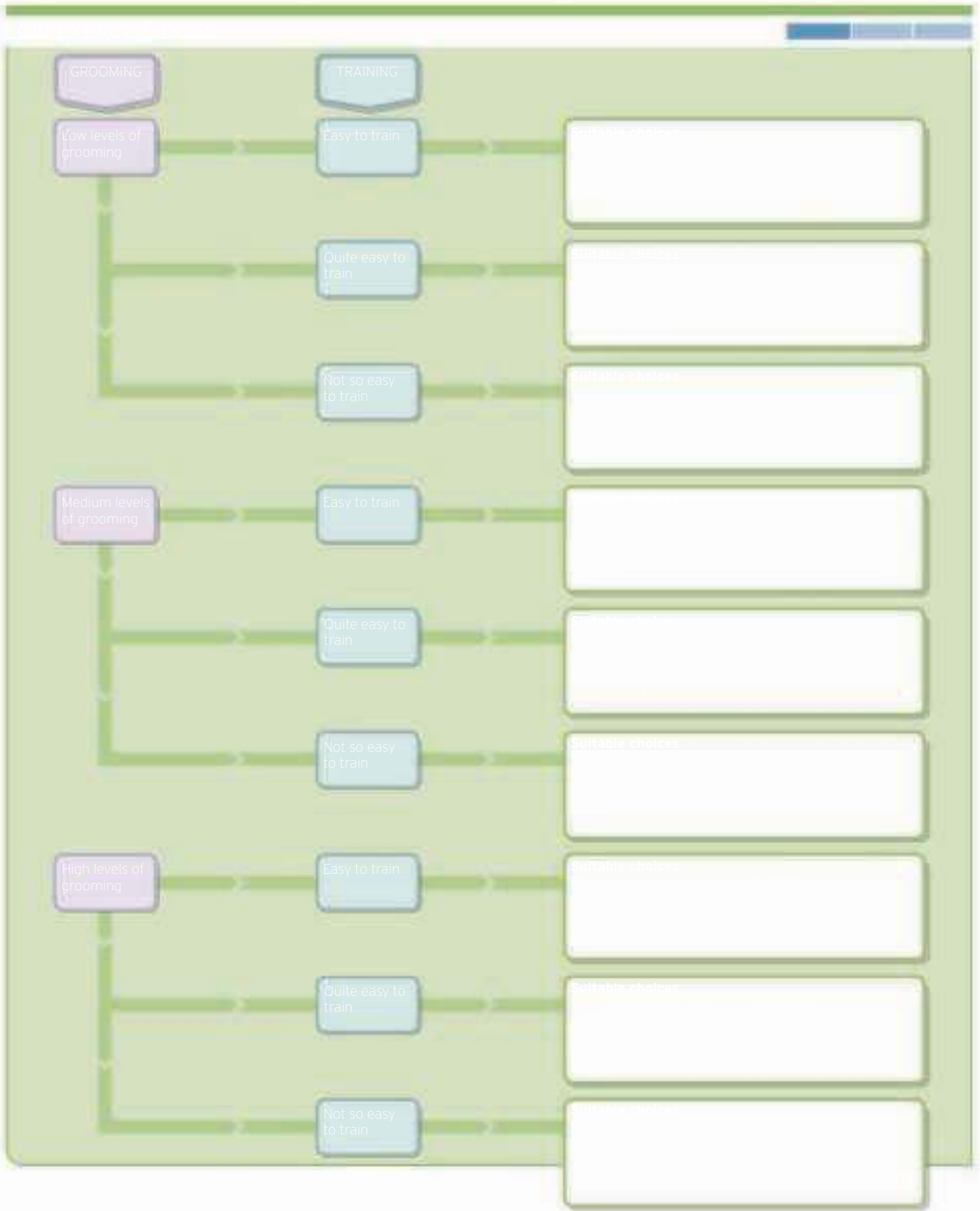
Exercise Requirements	Training Requirements	Grooming Requirements
HIGH More than 2 hours per day	HIGH Every day	HIGH Not so easy to train—time consuming
MEDIUM 1-2 hours per day	MEDIUM More than once a week	MEDIUM Quite easy to train—needs patience
LOW Up to 30 minutes per day	LOW Once a week	LOW Easy to train



High level of grooming









Puppies & Puppies



Puppy farms





10 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK A BREEDER

A large empty rectangular box with a thin yellow border, intended for writing the 10 important questions to ask a breeder.







GUIDE TO BREEDS

AFRICAN HUNTER

Elegant and immaculate, the Basenji makes the most civilized of pets, but this African breed worked as a hunting dog for thousands of years.



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