
Our shameless plea for your donations to Leos In Need:



Sampson is now safe and happy, but many more Leos are still In Need. Even the smallest donation is important to our work. We are a **non-profit** organization with an all-volunteer staff. Won't you please help us?



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Rescue, Rehabilitation and Placement

"It's all About the Dogs!"

Terrible things can happen to wonderful dogs. Some of the nicest dogs we met were unwanted, unloved or abused. How sad.

Leos In Need, Inc. (LIN) is dedicated to rescuing these magnificent companions and finding forever homes for them where they will enjoy the only thing Leonbergers ask for: love.



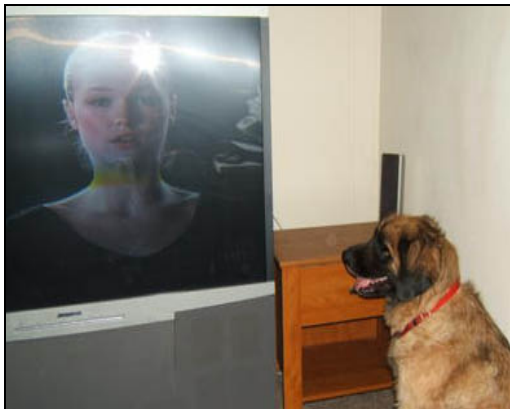
What is a Leonberger?

Leonbergers (or Leos) originated in Leonberg, Germany, during the mid-1800s. Their closest canine relatives include the Newfoundland, Great Pyrenees and Saint Bernard.

Typically, Leos are gentle, noble, working dogs who bond deeply to their families. They are excellent watchdogs and announce visitors, but responsible breeders produce well-tempered dogs who welcome rather than guard.

With a double coat and webbed feet, a Leo is likely to swim in anything at any time of year! Fresh water, salt water, backyard kiddie pools or their own water bowls – Leos like to swim.

A Leo's strength and size, and his willingness to please, make him a perfect partner in agility, water rescue, cross-country skiing, pet therapy and hiking. They excel in couch potato activities, such as napping and cuddling, as well.



Is a Leo the right dog for you?

While the temperament of a Leo makes him an unbeatable companion, not everyone should consider this breed. Think carefully about the following realities of adding a Leo to your life:

♥ Leos are big...really big. Females can stand 26-28 inches at the shoulder and can weigh more than 100 pounds. Males are 28-31 inches at the shoulder and typically weigh over 130 pounds.

♥ Leos have a soft undercoat that will mat if ignored. Their exterior coat is usually wash-and-wear. Because they have a double coat, be prepared to spend some hours with a cool-air dog dryer. They prefer cool weather.

♥ Leos shed daily and “blow their coats” once or twice per year. If you do not wish to have fur as a condiment, fashion accessory or decorating style; you may not be an ideal Leo person.

♥ Leos need exercise, as does any happy, healthy dog. Be sure that you have the time to enjoy the outdoors with them.

♥ Leos need training. They are too large and strong to have poor manners.

♥ Leos need your time and attention. They are happiest as family members.

Adding a Leo to your home?



Think about the benefits of adopting a rescued Leonberger. Each puppy or adult who finds his way into LIN rescue is looking for a forever home with a loving someone. Both puppies and adults are available at various times.

Foster a Leo who needs love, care, and training while he waits for his forever home. You will have the chance to see how a Leo would fit into your life while giving the priceless gift of kindness to a dog with no home.

If you choose to purchase a Leo puppy, PLEASE contact a reputable Leo breeder whose dogs are registered with one of two U.S. clubs (Leonberger Club of America, or Leonberger Club of the United States), or a recognized club of another country. Visit the web site of one of the two U.S. clubs to begin your search for a humane breeder who values health, the breed standard and an even temperament over profit.