

# N°08- THE CATAHOULA LEOPARD DOG



The leopard dog catahoula is a dog at once powerful, awake, energetic. It is also an intrepid able to tackle big game (such as wild boar, hunting for which it seems to be still used) as the small, such as the raccoon. Adapted to difficult terrain such as swamps and forests, it is an excellent tracker and a hunter who does not hesitate to climb trees to reach a possible prey.

The leopard dog of catahoula is also an excellent sheepdog who is willingly entrusted with the care and management of various herds (cattle, sheep, pigs) including large areas of land. He also tends to be aggressive and bite (soft bite) recalcitrant cows as his guarding instinct is powerful.

## Social Life:

This versatile, dynamic dog is nonetheless calm at home: he is affectionate, loyal and dedicated to his family and very kind to children. Very protective of his family and his property, he makes an excellent watchdog. He is also suspicious and distant towards foreigners without being really

aggressive towards them. The education of leopard catahoula must be firm but gentle at the same time. This primitive dog is not made for laymen: he needs an experienced master who knows how to master his instinct of dominance and his independent nature. But he's a smart dog who likes to learn, although he can be stubborn ...



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Note: The leopard dog is used in his country by the police as a protection dog. There is also a rescue dog, given his qualities.

### Living Place:

The leopard cathalda dog is absolutely not born for a city life: a house with a big garden is necessary so that it can be spent, it is important that it is located in the countryside, near natural spaces. He needs freedom and does not like staying at home, inactivity can even make him destructive. A sports master having a lot of time to devote to him is essential.

**If you want to get more information, [catahoula protection dog](https://mypetcasa.com/the-catahoula-leopard-dog/) please go here:- <https://mypetcasa.com/the-catahoula-leopard-dog/>**

However, he is not very good at a dog sport like agility. On the other hand, he is very good in the IPO (also called Schutzhund), which means tracking, obedience and protection, a test of work that

tests both the dog's instincts and the skill of his dog master to train him, which reinforces their mutual bond.

If he has been well socialized, he can cohabit with other dogs and cats but any other animal is a prey for him because he has a strong hunting instinct. Fearing neither the cold nor the humidity, the leopard dog can easily live outside.

## Grooming and Health Care:

The care of leopard cathalys is easy: it only requires a good weekly brushing.

Inspect your ears and hair when you return from your walk for signs of infection or parasites. The leopard dog catahoula is likely to suffer from hip dysplasia as well as eye problems. He may also be suffering from deafness problems.

The dog leopard catahoula is a dog that runs a lot: so be careful not to feed it before any physical exercise because it could have a twist of the stomach. Wait for him to rest after all the effort, to feed him, and this, in a fractional way.

The ancestors of the leopard dog catahoula are the greyhound greyhounds and greyhounds brought by the Spanish conquerors, mainly the explorer Hernando Santo, in the Gulf of Mexico. The local tribes thus crossed these dogs with wolves and beaucerons (Harlequin).

Nicknamed "Cat" by the breed lovers, the leopard dog cathaly takes its name from a small village in Louisiana. It is also the symbol of the state of Louisiana since 1979 but the race is still not recognized. Not widespread outside this state, we can however find breeders in Germany.

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