

# Which Dog Breeds Need a Winter Coat?

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Some dogs' coats have two layers – the undercoat, which repels water and keeps the skin warm and dry, and the outer layer, which is more course.

## Dogs Most Likely to Need a Winter Coat

These breeds do not have an undercoat and are less protected from the cold:

Afghan Hound  
Boston Terrier  
Boxer  
Chihuahua  
Doberman Pinscher  
French Bulldog  
Maltese  
Papillon  
PitBull  
Poodle  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Yorkshire Terrier

## Dogs Most Likely Not to Need a Winter Coat

These breeds do have two-layer coats:

Australian Shepherd  
Belgian Shepherd  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Bichon Frise

Border Terrier

Collie

Corgi

German Shepherd

Golden Retriever

Labrador Retriever

Leonberger

Lhasa Apso

Newfoundland

Old English Sheepdog

Saint Bernard

Schnauzer

Shih Tzu

Spitz-type dogs (Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Chow Chow, Husky, Pomeranian, Shiba Inu and Samoyed) and Wests.

**\*\*Always look for signs that your dog is too cold, regardless of their breed, and do not leave your dog outside in the cold for extended periods of time\*\***