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Siberian Husky



Golden Retriever

Pug



Shih Tzu



Beagle



Miniature Dachshund

**Dachshund & Friends**



German Shepherd Dog



Shetland Sheepdog



Yorkshire Terrier



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Boxer



Chihuahua

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Miniature Schnauzer



Shiba Inu

Toy Poodle



Miniature Pinscher



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Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Labrador Retriever

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Spend some quality puppy time with Nintendogs!  
Train your pup, walk it, and enter it into tournaments...  
Isn't everything in life better with a puppy?

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## \* Notice \*

Nintendogs is an interactive entertainment experience centered on puppies. In the uniquely imaginative world of Nintendogs, the young dogs do not age, always remaining puppies. They boast docile habits and personalities, and are easy to handle.

However, since real puppies are living things, they have habits and personalities that may be different from those of the Nintendogs, so when training and caring for a real puppy, please be sure to be understanding of the real puppy's habits and personality.

When caring for living dogs, the trainer holds ultimate responsibility for the survival and well-being of the dog, so be sure to consult with your family before raising a real dog.


## \* Starting a New Life With Your Puppy \*

Insert the Nintendogs Game Card into your Nintendo DS and press the POWER button. When the Nintendo DS start-up screen appears, touch the screen. On the system menu, touch the Nintendogs panel to begin your new life with a puppy.



If your Nintendo DS power-on settings have been set to Auto Mode, you will not need to take all of the steps above. See your Nintendo DS instruction booklet for more details.

## ● Saving Your Nintendogs ●

Touch the  icon on the home screen (pg. 16) to create a save file—touch this icon wherever you want to save everything you experience and teach your puppy. If you've already created a save file, you will begin with that file already loaded.



If you ever want to erase all of your puppies and saved data, press and hold **A B X Y L R** all at the same time.

But beware: if you erase all saved data, it and your puppies can never be recovered.



## The Kennel

Your new life with a puppy first begins at the kennel, where you will choose and purchase your first puppy. You can also spend time at the kennel playing with puppies that have already been trained. After you've purchased your first puppy, you can visit the kennel anytime by choosing the kennel from the Shopping menu (pg. 24). The kennel may add new breeds to its selection, so be sure to check back regularly to see what puppies are available.

### • Buy •

Touch the breed of puppy that you would like to purchase.

The initial available breeds are different in each of the three versions of Nintendogs.



Use the stylus to scroll through the list of available breeds.



Touch the puppy you'd like to buy.

### • Look •

Here you can play with puppies that have already been trained.



You can keep up to three dogs in your home.

## Naming Your Puppy

After you bring your new puppy home from the kennel, follow the on-screen instructions to name your puppy using your own voice and text.

It is important to hold the Nintendo DS about six inches from your face and say the name clearly into the microphone. If you **pronounce the name the same way each time**, your puppy will understand it better.

Once your puppy learns its new name, you'll use the Touch Screen to register the name in text. Touch **Confirm** to register the name.



### • Using the Keyboard •

Change Keyboard



Back Space  
Space Bar

## \* Interacting With Your Dog \*



### + Control Pad

Adjust the camera angle on the Home screen (pg. 16).

### Microphone

Use the microphone to call your puppy's name or say commands like "sit" or "lie down."

### Touch Screen

Touch the icons that appear on the Touch Screen to access the different menus.

### A B X Y BUTTONS

Change the camera's target on the Home screen. Each time you press a button, the camera will switch to another dog or zoom in or out.

### Call Your Dog

- **Touch** the Touch Screen.
- **Say your dog's name, or whistle** into the microphone.




Tapping the Touch Screen is a very effective way of calling all your dogs.

### Touch the Dog

- **Pet** your dog often!



The  icon appears whenever you pet your dog. Your dog will normally love to be petted, but pet it for too long and it may get annoyed.



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\* Your New Life With a Puppy \*

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## \* Living With a Dog \*

### • The Home Screen •

View info about your puppies and save your progress here.



Touch a dog icon to zoom in on that dog on the Top Screen. Touch it once more to zoom out.



### • Dog Status

Touch a dog's name to check its status. Here you can see the dog's breed, check its current condition, view the commands it has learned, and see how it has performed in contests.

#### Trick List



Choose this option to view a list of the tricks (pg. 19) you've taught your dog.

#### Contest Results



Check to see which contests (pg. 29) your dog has entered and how it has placed.

This will show how many times your dog has won the championship.

Return to the Home screen.

Touch  
Call Dog's Name  
Whistle

Touch

Return to the Home screen.

Money



### • Interaction Screen •

When your puppy appears on the Touch Screen, you can interact with it by petting it and training it.

Training (pg. 18)  
Supplies (pg. 20)



### • Go Out Menu •

The Go Out menu allows you to go out to a number of different places. You can also change game settings here.

Shopping (pg. 24) Contests (pg. 29)  
Walk (pg. 26) Bark Mode (pg. 32)  
Info (pg. 34)

The Supplies , Go Out , and Training  icons will appear only after you've named your new puppy and taught it to sit down.



## \* Training Your Puppy \*

Through careful training, you can teach your dog to perform a variety of tricks. You can train your dog from the Home screen (pg. 16) and on the interaction screen (pg. 17). At first your puppy will only be able to do simple tricks, but if you spend time with it, it can learn a wide array of tricks.



The  icon is the training icon. When it appears on-screen, that is your chance to train your puppy.



Sit!

Touch the  icon to start the microphone timer . Say into the microphone the command you want your dog to learn for the trick it just performed. The command can be anything you want it to be.



It will take several tries for your dog to learn a command.




Once your dog learns a command, enter the name for that command into your Trick List.

Each puppy can learn up to fourteen commands. If you want to teach it a new command after that, it will have to forget an old command first. To make your dog forget an old command, touch the dog's name on the Home screen, then access the Trick List. Touch any command in the list to make the dog forget that command.

Once your dog learns a command, you can just say that command into the microphone, and your dog will perform that trick. However, make sure your dog is focused on you before saying the command—otherwise, it may not perform the trick.

## \* Supplies & Toys \*

It is important to get familiar with your pet supplies early on to take proper care of your dog. To access your supplies, touch the  icon on either the Home screen or the interaction screen. Then just choose the type of supply you want, and then the particular supply you want to use. There are hundreds of different supplies you can use with your dog, so see if you can find them all.

### Choose a Type



Touch any type to see what supplies you have in that category.

### Choose a Supply




Touch the arrows to scroll up and down the screen.

### Use the Supply



Touch this icon to take the supply out or put it away.



Touch the  icon to read a description of the supply.

## Playing With Your Puppy

Touch either  or  to select supplies that you can use together with your puppy. Learn what you can do with each one, and take time out of your day to play with your puppy.



Touch a supply to grab it.



When you are grabbing a supply, you can slide the stylus to move it around.



Grab a supply, slide the stylus, then lift the stylus off the Touch Screen to throw the supply you grabbed.

If you gently tap the Touch Screen several times when your dog is playing with one of your toys, it will bring the toy to you.



## Grooming Your Dog

Touch the  icon to choose supplies you must use in caring for your pet. These are the supplies you need to feed and groom your dog.

### • Shampoo Adds Sparkle •

Slide the sponge across your dog's body to lather it up with shampoo. Wash the suds away with the showerhead.



Use these icons to switch from shampoo to showerhead and back, as needed.


## DressUp Your Doggy

Touch the  icon to choose a collar, ribbon, or other accessory that you'd like your dog to wear.



Touch the dog's head to put that accessory on the dog.

## Using the White Record

Touch the  icon to choose from a variety of supplies that play sounds or music. One of these is the white record, which you can use to record your own voice message. Your recorded voice message will be sent to other Nintendogs owners when you communicate wirelessly with them via Bark Mode, so be sure not to record personal information (pg. 32).



To play or record your message, touch the appropriate button and then slide the needle onto the record.

### Play Button

Play the recorded message.

### Delete Button

Touch this to erase your current message. Once erased, messages can't be recovered.

### Record Button

You can record up to five seconds of voice data on the white record, but you can record only one record.



## \* Going Shopping \*

Touch the  on the Go Out menu to go shopping. Next, just touch the icon for the store you want to visit.

Go Back

### • Pet Supply •

You can purchase all the supplies you need at the Pet Supply store.

### • Interior Decorator •

Select a new decor for your home here.



Money

### • Kennel •

Go here to buy more puppies.

### • Secondhand Shop •

Go here to sell supplies you no longer need.

### • Dog Hotel •

You can leave dogs here or come pick them up. At most, you can keep three dogs in your house, so if you want to own more than three dogs, you'll need to keep the others here.



You can keep up to five dogs in the Dog Hotel.

#### • Drop Off

Choose this when you want the Dog Hotel to care for one of your dogs for you. Up to five dogs can stay at the Dog Hotel at one time.

#### • Pick Up

Choose this option to pick up one of the dogs you've left at the hotel. If you already have three dogs at home, you'll have to swap one of those for a dog in the hotel.

#### • Swap

Take a puppy out of the Dog Hotel and replace it with one of the puppies currently in your home.

#### • Donate

Choose this option when you want to part ways with your puppy. But remember, once you donate a puppy to the hotel, they will find a new trainer for it, and you'll never be able to see that puppy again.

## \* Walking the Dog \*

Touch the  icon on the Go Out menu to choose a route and take your puppy for a walk. You can have a lot of fun exploring the town together.

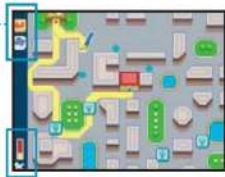
### • Choose Your Route •



Return to the menu



Erase your entire route



Use the stylus to draw the route for your walk on the map. To enter a building or park, just draw your route to the entrance. However, your route must always lead you back to your house. Use **+** or **A, B, X, or Y** to scroll around the map.

This is your puppy's stamina. Your puppy can walk only as far as its stamina will allow.

If your puppy poops while on a walk, be sure to touch the poop to scoop it up!

Laws in most places require dogs to be on a leash at all times. When walking a real dog, never let your dog off its leash.



Pass through these areas



### Park



You can practice for disc competitions (pg. 30) on this nice open lawn.

### Discount Shop



Come here to buy supplies at lower prices than you can get them at the pet supply store.


### Gymnasium



Come here to practice for agility trials (pg. 30).

## \* Life With a Dog \*

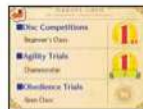
## \* Contests \*

Touch the  icon on the Go Out menu to enter your dog in one of three different types of contests: obedience trials, agility trials, and disc competitions. Each contest has five different levels of competition. When you place in a contest, you'll move up to the next level. If you fail to finish in the top three, you'll drop down one level. Participating in a contest with your dog is always a memorable experience.



Touch the name of the contest you want to enter.

Be sure to practice hard before entering a contest. You can also read up on the different contests in the competition books found under the Care category of your supplies.



When you win a contest, the results will be displayed under your Trainer Info (pg. 35). Additionally, if you win the championship level of competition, a ribbon will be shown, along with the number of consecutive championships you've won.

When raising real puppies, remember that training a dog for strenuous activities like disc competitions and agility trials before the dog is fully grown can be dangerous for the puppy.



## Disc Competition

This is a competition to see how many points your puppy can earn by catching discs you've thrown within a given time limit. The points earned for catching the disc depend on how far the disc was thrown.



Slide the stylus to throw the disc. Your puppy will chase after it.



Catching the disc in midair results in higher points.

## Agility Trial

This competition requires you to use the stylus to guide your puppy through the course, clearing obstacles along the way. Tap the map with the stylus or slide it along the map to help guide your puppy.



The map shows the order in which the obstacles must be cleared. If your dog strays from this order, points will be deducted from your score.

## Obedience Trial

This contest measures your dog's ability to follow commands. Speak clearly as you issue commands to your puppy.



Try to complete all the required commands within the given time limit.

### • Required Skills



#### Perform Skills

Dogs must first perform several skills consecutively in a particular order.



#### Maintaining a Skill


Dogs must perform particular skills and hold that pose for a specific minimum time frame.

### • Free Performance



This is the dog's opportunity to shine. There are no prescribed skills. Instead, the trainer issues commands freely within a given time frame to demonstrate the dog's different abilities.

## \* Meeting Your Friends' Puppies \*

On the Go Out menu, touch the  icon to communicate wirelessly with another Nintendogs owner via Bark Mode. To do this, you simply put your Nintendogs Game Card into wireless mode, and then when you pass by another Nintendogs owner in wireless mode, you will automatically communicate. Your trainer info (pg. 35) will also be traded.

See pgs. 42-43 regarding using the Nintendo DS wireless function.



First, choose a puppy to communicate with.

Next, decide whether or not you want to give a present to the other trainer. If so, choose the present you want to send.

Once your preparations are complete, tap Yes.



Note that Bark Mode uses more battery power than searching for a PictoChat session (pg. 37). If the battery runs out while playing or while in Sleep Mode, you will have to restart your game from the last time you played.

When another trainer with Bark Mode activated is nearby...



If the trainer you're communicating with has recorded a voice message on his or her white record, you will hear the voice message.



Even if you close your Nintendo DS, it will continue its wireless search. See pages 2-3 for important information about the wireless feature.

Success! You will now have an opportunity to play with the other trainer's dog. After playing together for a while, you and your puppy will return home.

Your Friend List (pg. 34) will record the date of your encounter with the other trainer, and the number of times you and that trainer have communicated.

## \* Nintendogs Information \*

The Go Out menu also features the  icon. This is where you can go to find all of your personal information, such as your Trainer Info and Friend List.



### • Trainer Info

Read this to see what you've done as the trainer of your dogs.

### • Friend List

Go here to view a record of the Nintendogs trainers you've linked up with via Bark Mode. Other trainers' information will automatically get saved here when you link up with them. You can save information for up to 50 people. If you link up with more than 50 people, your list will be updated by erasing the information from your list, starting with the oldest information.


### • Trainer Accomplishments

Go here to check your best performances in the various contests (pg. 29).

### • System Settings

Choose this option to change system settings for Nintendogs. See pg. 37 regarding searching for active PictoChat rooms.

## Trainer Info

Touch the  icon to change the name, birth date, comment, or trainer icon used in the game. Initially, the information in your Nintendo DS system settings will be used automatically, but even if you change your trainer info, it will not affect your Nintendo DS system settings. The information you've input will automatically get sent to another trainer when you communicate with them wirelessly in Bark Mode.

As you become closer to your puppy, your trainer points will increase. Your trainer title will change based on your trainer points.



Trainer Icon

The dogs you are raising at home appear here.

When changing your name or comment, be sure to use a nickname and do not include personal information. See the Nintendo DS instruction booklet for additional privacy information. You will use the keyboard on the Touch Screen to input text. When you're done, touch Confirm to finish. See pg. 11 for info on how to use the keyboard.





## System Settings

Touch the   icons to adjust all settings. Touch  when you're done.



### • Battery Save Settings

When set to On, the system's backlight will automatically turn off after 10 minutes without any input.

### • Mic Sensitivity

Adjust the sensitivity of the built-in microphone.

### • Time Display

When set to Off, the clock will not appear on the Top Screen.


### • PictoChat Search

Turn this option on to search for active nearby PictoChat chat rooms. You can also choose how you will be notified.

### • PictoChat Search •

Turn this option on to search for active PictoChat chat rooms while playing Nintendogs. First you will need to access the system settings and turn the PictoChat search function on. When you do so, your Nintendo DS will continue searching wirelessly—even if you close it—but it will consume more battery power than standard Sleep Mode.



If there are people using PictoChat nearby, the  icon will appear on-screen. You cannot automatically switch to PictoChat from Nintendogs, so you will first need to save your progress (pg. 9) on the Home screen and then power-off your Nintendo DS. Next, turn your Nintendo DS on again and access PictoChat.

In some cases, the PictoChat chat room you've found may become inactive before you are able to switch from Nintendogs to PictoChat. Please refer to your Nintendo DS hardware instruction booklet for help using PictoChat.

## \* Troubleshooting \*

**Q** Even if I call my puppy it won't respond to me.

**A** To ensure that your puppy can hear you clearly, hold your Nintendo DS so that the microphone is about six inches from your face. Also, if there is a lot of background noise where you are playing, choose the System Settings option in the Go Out menu to adjust microphone sensitivity.

**Q** How many voice messages can I receive at one time?

**A** You can only receive one voice message each time you communicate via Bark Mode. Once you communicate with another Nintendogs trainer, the wireless mode automatically shuts off. To communicate again, you will need reactivate Bark Mode. Additionally, until you turn your Nintendo DS off, you will be able to replay the last voice message you received at any time by going to your Friend List.

**Q** Is there a way to earn money?

You can earn money by entering and placing in contests (pg. 29). You can also earn money by selling unneeded supplies at the secondhand shop.

**Q** Even though my friend and I both have the same breed, our dogs have very different personalities...

**A** Even dogs of the same breed can have different personalities. Additionally, how the dog is raised can also affect its personality. What personality your dog ends up with will be affected by you, its trainer.

**Q** When I use a different Nintendo DS system to play Nintendogs, I can't go for a walk or enter any contests...

**A** If a message appears indicating you cannot go for walks or enter competitions, you will need to wait for a period of time before you can do so. This will not occur if you always play Nintendogs on the same Nintendo DS system.

**Q** My dog is gone...

**A** Sometimes, dogs are able to sneak out of the house and have fun without you realizing. If your dog is gone, don't panic. Just wait a little bit. Sometimes your dog will return with a present.



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