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Fact Sheet: Rottweiler

Dog type: working dog

History:

- Rottweilers are possibly descended from the 'drover' dogs of ancient Rome.
- In the 1800s the Rottweiler Metzgerhund (butcher dog) was used to drive the cattle to market and guard its owner and his money on his way home.
- When they were no longer needed to herd cattle Rottweilers were used as guard dogs and police dogs.

Do you know:....?

- Rottweilers have worked as police dogs and guard dogs for more than 100 years.
- Rottweilers are used as guide dogs for the blind.
- Rottweilers were once used to pull milk carts in the market town of Rottweil. This job was taken over by horses and donkeys in the 1800s.

Rottweilers as pets:

- Faithful and confident.
- Need plenty of exercise but not rough play.
- Very strong and very protective towards its owners.