

## OTTER

Otters are the writers of the songs by the Beach boys (Fun, Fun, Fun) and Cyndi Lauper (Girls Just Wanna Have Fun). Otters look for the "fun way" of doing something. It is difficult for Otters to become serious about a task. This can be very frustrating to lions and beavers.

**Inspire.** Otters are great motivators. Otters can be very convincing and persuasive. Otters are the "social creatures of the universe." Talk, talk, talk.

**Spontaneous.** Otters don't like to "read the fine print." Very opposite of beavers in this respect, they will ignore the directions. When trying to change the oil, an otter could actually be draining transmission fluid. Otters are experts at "winging it." Chefs, artists, and musicians.

**Futuristic.** Otters don't get too worried about current problems. They believe in the long-run, things will work out. "Just give it some more time" or "things are bound to get better."

**No conflicts.** Otters will avoid confrontation at all costs. In some cases, this is good. There are certain times when you just have to ignore something. Other times, this is bad. There are times when certain issues must be tackled.

**Tremendous Networkers.** Otters work well with others. They get along well with others. Otters are great at getting people together and involved.

Otters are fun to be around. They bring spirit and enthusiasm to the table. Their biggest weakness is knowing when to get serious and down to business.

## GOLDEN RETRIEVER

**Loyalty.** Golden retrievers can absorb the most emotional distress and still remain loyal. Golden retrievers will stick with you until the end.

**Relationships.** Golden retrievers need to be around people. Isolation and independence are not characteristics of golden retrievers. They make friends easily and are able to accept people for who they are. While otters also enjoy people, golden retrievers enjoy a deeper relationship with people. Long-lasting friendships are prevalent.

**Pleasers.** Golden retrievers thrive to please others. They are compassionate and sensitive. They are excellent with sympathy or empathy. They will give you the "shirt off their back."

**Adaptable.** Golden retrievers are able to adapt to practically any situation. They are 'go with the flow' people. They can "roll with the punches." Very tolerant.

**No conflicts.** Like otters, golden retrievers are non-confrontational. However, golden retrievers differ from otters in that they are more stubborn in holding onto what they feel is right.

**Routine.** Golden retrievers do not like change. They like routine and keeping things the same. Being spontaneous is not a trait of golden retrievers.

Golden retrievers are great to have on a team. They are the "glue" that holds the team together. They are like E.F. Hutton, they rarely speak, but if they have something to say, everyone listens. The biggest weakness of golden retrievers is they can be easily taken advantage of.