

## Non-Sporting Group



### Bichon Frise

**Country of Origin:** Mediterranean region

**Weight Range:** 7-12 lbs

**Height Range:** 9-11.5 in

**Lifestyle:** Loves children, adults, and strangers; Suitable for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Sheds little; High indoor energy level

**Daily Exercise:** 20 minutes

**Daily Care:** daily brushing as well as regular professional care

**Colors:** White, White/Apricot, White/Buff, White/Cream

**Life Expectancy:** 14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** corneal/retinal disorders, skin conditions, ear infections, cataracts, hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, progressive retinal atrophy, epilepsy, bleeding disorders, strong tendency for tartar formation and gum infection

**Possible Behavior Problems:** house soiling, some shyness to the touch

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** companion dog

**Character Traits:** Attractive, adaptable, happy, bold, lively, the ultimate companion dog, game, hardy, sociable, affectionate, loves to play, can be quiet and calm



### Boston Terrier

**Country of Origin:** United States

**Weight Range:** 10-25 lbs

**Height Range:** 15-17 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually good with children; Excellent for urban living; Can suffer from excessive heat; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Requires a moderate amount of exercise; Low odor; May be difficult with other dogs; Good with other pets; Need a sturdy fence if kept outdoors

**Daily Exercise:** 35 minutes

**Daily Care:** minimal brushing once a week

**Colors:** Black, Brindle, Seal, Tri-colors, White/(Black, Brindle, or Seal)

**Life Expectancy:** 13 years

**Possible Health Problems:** respiratory difficulties, heatstroke, eye infections/lacerations, eyelid abnormalities, cataracts, Cushing's disease, thyroid disease, heart conditions, Caesarean operation when giving birth

**Possible Behavior Problems:** excessive barking, fighting, snoring, snorting

**Use today:** companion

**First Bred For:** rapping and companionship

**Character Traits:** Well mannered, thoughtful, considerate, sprightly, entertaining, active, durable, no ruthless desire for mayhem, prefers the company of humans, males can be territorial, smart, outgoing, very affectionate, social,



## Bulldog

**Country of Origin:** Great Britain

**Weight Range:** 50-55 lbs

**Height Range:** 12-14 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually good with children; Suitable for urban living; Can suffer for excess heat/humidity; Easy to obedience train; Requires moderate amount of exercise; Not always a good watchdog; Sheds little; Poor watchdog; Gets along well with cats

**Daily Exercise:** 20 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing about twice a week

**Colors:** Brindle/white, fawn, fawn/white, gray brindle, red, red/white/ red brindle, red brindle/white, white, black, black/fawn, black/white, black fawn/white, black red/white, brindle, fawn/brindle, gray, gray/white

**Life Expectancy:** 9-11 years

**Possible Health Problems:** congenital heart disease, heart attack, collapsed nostrils, heatstroke, respiratory difficulties, skin problems, eyelid abnormalities

**Possible Behavior Problems:** snoring, wheezing, stubbornness, food possessiveness

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** bull/bear baiting

**Character Traits:** gentle, delightful personality, engaging companion, affectionate, slightly sluggish, needs to feel dominant, loves walks



## Chow Chow

**Country of Origin:** China

**Weight Range:** 45-70 lbs

**Height Range:** 20-27 in

**Lifestyle:** Unsuitable with children; Do not like small living spaces; Requires a lot of exercise; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Requires lots of grooming; Difficult to obedience train; Sheds a lot; Needs early training and socialization; Not good for inexperienced owners; Good watchdogs;

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** intense brushing at least three times per week

**Colors:** Black, Blue, Cinnamon, Cream, Red

**Life Expectancy:** 11-12 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, skin conditions, eyelid abnormalities, OCD (joint disorder), patellar luxation, glaucoma, stenotic nares, degeneration of the kidneys, hypothyroidism

**Possible Behavior Problems:** possible aggression, stubbornness, dominance, guarding possessions and food, irritable snapping, touch

shyness

**Use today:** companion

**First Bred For:** guarding, cart pulling, hunting dog, and as food

**Character Traits:** blue-black tongue, not cuddly, a one-person dog, stubborn, independent, very loyal, easily startled due to poor eyesight (can make them indifferent or fearful), not particularly playful



## Coton de Tulear

**Country of Origin:** Madagascar

**Origin of Name:** French word *coton*, meaning “cotton” and the Madagascan port of Tulear (pronounced coTAWN day two-LEE-are)

**Weight Range:** 9-15 lbs

**Height Range:** 10-12 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living; Requires minimal grooming; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Difficult to obedience trained; Good watchdog; Requires a lot of physical exercise

**Daily Exercise:** 30 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing three times a week, baths every 3-6 weeks

**Colors:** White, Black

**Life Expectancy:** 13-14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** no known genetic health problems

**Possible Behavior Problems:** aversion to strangers and harsh training, clinginess to owners

**Use today:** companion, ratting

**First Bred For:** companionship

**Character Traits:** sweet, adoring, very playful, shy of strangers, not overly active or aggressive, always tries to please, loves to be near owners, needs little discipline, happy, laid back, alert, loves water, sturdy



## Dalmatian

**Country of Origin:** Balkans/India

**Weight Range:** 50-55 lbs

**Height Range:** 20-24 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually suitable with children; Suitable for urban living with enough exercise; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Requires a lot of physical exercise; Sheds a lot; Needs early socialization and training

**Daily Exercise:** 1 hour

**Daily Care:** requires little brushing

**Colors:** White/Black, White/Liver Brown, White/Lemon,

White/Orange, White/Black/Tan, White/Liver/Tan

**Life Expectancy:** 12-14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, inherited deafness, skin conditions, urinary stones, progressive retinal atrophy, glaucoma, diabetes, pannus

**Possible Behavior Problems:** restlessness, destructiveness, shyness and viciousness in fearful puppy-mill animals, dominance, jumping up on people, excitable barking

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** border sentinel in Dalmatia and Croatia, draft dog, shepherd, sporting dog, hunting dog, pack dog, performer, and coach dog

**Character Traits:** exuberant, friendly, some males can be aggressive to other male dogs, full of energy and spirit, quick learners, love to run with horses



## French Bulldog

**Country of Origin:** France

**Weight Range:** 22-28 lbs

**Height Range:** 12 in

**Lifestyle:** Not especially fond of children; Perfect for urban living; May suffer from excessive heat; Requires minimal grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Good watchdog; Sheds little

**Daily Exercise:** 35 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing once a week

**Colors:** Brindle, Brindle/White, Cream, Fawn, Fawn/White, Fawn Brindle, White, Black, Black/Fawn, Black/White, Cream/White, Fawn/Brindle/White, Gray/White

**Life Expectancy:** 11-12 years

**Possible Health Problems:** eye lacerations, respiratory difficulties, heatstroke, hip and elbow dysplasia, cataracts, patellar luxation, allergies, spinal problems, elongated soft palate, extra row of eyelashes that cause tearing (distichiasis)

**Possible Behavior Problems:** possible snoring and wheezing, sensitivity to temperature extremes, snappiness when overheated

**Use today:** companion

**First Bred For:** bull baiting, tenacious ratting

**Character Traits:** muscular, opinionated, intelligent, bat ears, half-flat half-domed skull, small, clean, neat, affectionate, smart, dependable, alert, brave, bright, sensitive, friendly, sturdy, quiet, affable, needs to feel dominant over children and other animals, well-mannered, playful, independent, has heart and humor



## German Spitz

**Country of Origin:** Germany

**Weight Range:** 38.5-40 lbs (giant) or 23-41 lbs (standard) or 18-22 lbs (toy)

**Height Range:** 16 in (giant) or 11.5-14 in (standard) or 9-11 in (toy)

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living; Can suffer from excessive heat; Requires a lot of grooming; Thrives in cold climates; Difficult to obedience train; Good watchdog; May not be good with other dogs

**Daily Care:** routine brushing to prevent mat formation

**Colors:** Black, Black/Tan, Brown, Cream, Orange, Red, White,

Wolfgray

**Life Expectancy:** 12-13 years (giant) or 13-15 years (standard) or 14-15 years (toy)

**Possible Health Problems:** none known

**Use today:** companion

**First Bred For:** companion (giant and toy) and a farm worker (standard)

**Character Traits:** demand more attention than many other breeds, many individuals resent grooming, some males resent other dogs or strangers



## Keeshond

**Country of Origin:** The Netherlands

**Weight Range:** 55-66 lbs

**Height Range:** 17-19 in

**Lifestyle:** Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Can suffer from excess heat; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Good watchdog; Sheds normally (more during spring); Needs firm handling; Good with other dogs and pets; Excellent obedience student;

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing once or twice a week, more during shedding season

**Colors:** Black/Silver, Gray/Black, Tri-colors, Black, Gray, Silver, Tawny, White, Wolfgray

**Life Expectancy:** 12-14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, skin conditions, congenital heart disease, patellar luxation, diabetes, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, degeneration of the kidneys, incomplete development of an organ, hypothyroidism, autoimmune disorders

**Possible Behavior Problems:** attention demanding, barking if left outdoors or indoors alone, house soiling, stubbornness, aggression

**Use today:** companion, watchdog, therapy dog

**First Bred For:** barge dog and vermin controller

**Character Traits:** dapper, sensible, good-natured companion, bright, lively, patient, loves people, good swimmer, obedient



## Lhasa Apso

**Country of Origin:** Tibet

**Origin of Name:** Tibetan for "hairy barking dog"

**Weight Range:** 13-15 lbs

**Height Range:** 10-11 in

**Lifestyle:** Usually good with children, Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot/sunny climates; Requires lots of grooming; Gets on well with other dogs; Good watchdog; Sheds little; Needs lots of attention; May be difficult to obedience train

**Daily Exercise:** 20 minutes

**Daily Care:** Daily brushing, bathing once a week, regular professional grooming

**Colors:** Black, black/tan, cream, golden, grizzle, red, red gold, white, blue, charcoal, gray, liver, silver

**Life Expectancy:** 13-14 years

**Possible Health Problems:** kidney problems, skin conditions, eye lacerations, patellar luxation, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy, intervertebral disc disease, hip dysplasia, eyelids turned inward causing irritation, von Willebrand's disorder

**Possible Behavior Problems:** stubbornness, bossiness, wariness of strangers, aversion to rough play, irritable snapping, touch shyness, fighting when kept in pairs, aggression, territoriality

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** "indoor" guard dog and monk's companion

**Character Traits:** barks aggressively at unfamiliar sounds or sights, friendly, child-like, loves to show off, stubborn, devoted to its family, wary of strangers, likes to be its own boss



## Schipperke

**Country of Origin:** Belgium

**Origin of Name:** Flemish for “little captain” (pronounced “sheep-er-ker”)

**Weight Range:** 7-18 lbs

**Height Range:** 9-13 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living with enough exercise; Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with

other dogs; Good watchdog; Average shedder; Good with known children

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing twice a week

**Colors:** Black, Apricot, Black/Tan, Blue, Chocolate, Cream, Fawn, Gray, Red, White

**Life Expectancy:** 12-13 years

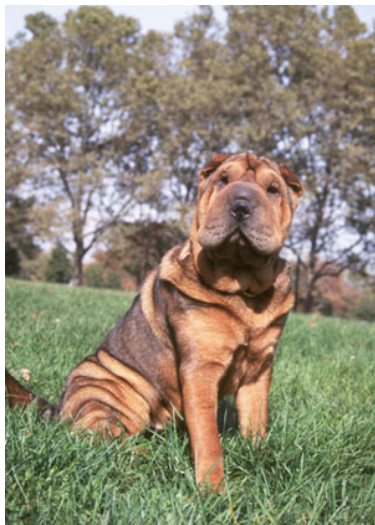
**Possible Health Problems:** mucopolysacchridosis type IIIB, epilepsy, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy, hypothyroidism, entropion, disintegration of the hip joint (Legg-Calve-Perthes)

**Possible Behavior Problems:** house soiling, stealing and guarding objects and food

**Use today:** companion

**First Used For:** small mammal hunting, barge dog, shoemaker’s dog, guard dog

**Character Traits:** sturdy, excellent swimmer, tenacious watchdog, virtually fearless, very inquisitive, “devil-may-care” attitude towards cars/heights/unsafe places, very responsive to family, wary of strangers



## Shar Pei

**Country of Origin:** China

**Origin of Name:** “Shar-Pei” means “sand-skin” (loosely translated as: rough, sandy coat, or sandpaper-like coat)

**Weight Range:** 35-45 lbs

**Height Range:** 18-20 in

**Lifestyle:** Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Requires lots of grooming; Not easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Good for people with allergies; Good guard dog; Requires a lot of exercise

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing twice a week, frequent shampooing

**Colors:** Apricot Dilute, Black, Black Sable, Blue, Blue Dilute, Brown, Chocolate Dilute,

Cream, Cream Dilute, Cream Sable, Fawn, Fawn Sable, Five Point Red Dilute, Isabella Dilute, Lilac Dilute, Red, Red Fawn, Red Sable, Blue Sable, Brown Sable, White

**Life Expectancy:** 11-12 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, eyelid abnormalities, skin conditions, Shar-Pei fever with inflamed and swollen joints, ear problems, hypothyroidism, difficulty in hot weather

**Possible Behavior Problems:** stubbornness, dominance, aggression, resistance to training, territoriality, barking

**Use today:** Companion

**First Bred For:** hunting boar and large game

**Character Traits:** clamshell ears, butterfly nose, melon-shaped head, grandmotherly face, water-buffalo neck, horse’s buttocks, dragon’s legs, blue-black tongue, rough short coat, agile, strong, fearless, very clean, calm, loyal, loves to play with children



## Shiba Inu

**Country of Origin:** Japan

**Weight Range:** 18-22 lbs

**Height Range:** 14-16 in

**Lifestyle:** Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Gets along well with other dogs; Good watchdogs; Sheds a little; Needs an experienced, patient owner; Needs early and continuous obedience training; Needs a well fenced yard and strong leash;

**Daily Exercise:** 30 minutes

**Daily Care:** brushing once a week

**Colors:** Black/Tan, Cream, Red, Red Sesame

**Life Expectancy:** 12-13 years

**Possible Health Problems:** hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, patellar

luxation, hypothyroidism

**Possible Behavior Problems:** independence, dominance, wariness of strangers, roaming, aggression, resists training

**Use today:** companion, small game hunting

**First Bred For:** hunting large game

**Character Traits:** superb hunting dog, hardy, seldom barks, makes a shrieking noise, robust, independent, dominant, very territorial, spirited, bold, likes all weather, loves long walks



## Standard Poodle

**Country of Origin:** Germany

**Weight Range:** 40-70 lbs

**Height Range:** 15 in

**Lifestyle:** Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Does not shed; Does not do well alone/kenned; Gets along well with other dogs/pets

**Daily Exercise:** 45 minutes

**Daily Care:** daily brushing, regular plucking of ear hairs, regular professional grooming

**Colors:** Apricot, Black, Blue, Brown, Café au Lait, Cream, Gray, Red, Silver, Silver Beige, White, Combinations of the Above

**Life Expectancy:** 11-15 years

**Possible Health Problems:** Addison's disease, hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy, von Willebrand's disorder, bloat, cataracts, severe skin disease, epilepsy, disintegration of the hip, heart problems, deafness, a lack of brain enzymes (gangliosidosis)

which can cause retardation and blindness, entropion, degenerating hair follicles and oil glands, degeneration of the kidneys

**Possible Behavior Problems:** dominance, owners assume leadership role early on, may try to outsmart owner

**Use today:** companion, security

**First Bred For:** water retrieving (ducks)

**Character Traits:** responsive, easy to train, reliable companion, good retriever, dependable, calm, not given to hysterics, extremely intelligent, very attached to their owners, good swimmer, courageous, adaptable

# Breed Associated Health Concerns

## Small Breeds

*Poodle, Dachsund, Lhasa Apso, Maltese, Bichon, Chihuahua, Boston, Jack Russell, Min. Pinscher, Pomeranian, Pug, Westie, Yorkie*

Brachycephalic Syndrome, Herniated disc, Atopy (allergies), Patellar Luxation, Leggs-Perthes, Tracheal Collapse, Dystocia, Cushings, Mitral Valve Regurgitation, Hypoglycemia, Diabetes, Otitis externa, Pigmentary keratitis

## Medium Breeds

*Beagle, Bulldog, Cocker Spaniels, Schnauzer, Bassett Hound, Scottie, Springer Spaniel*

Otitis externa, Atopy (allergies), Skin fold dermatitis, Glaucoma, Patellar Luxation, Cataracts, Dystocia, Elongated Soft Palate

## Large Breeds

*Boxer, Chow, Doberman Pinscher, Labrador, German Shepherd, Golden Retrievers, Collie, Dalmation, Pointer, Rottweiler, Weimaraner*

Hip dysplasia, Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Cardiomyopathy, Hot Spots, Hypothyroidism, OCD, Entropion, Boxer Ulcers, Spondylosis, Wobblers, Osteocarcoma, Lick Granulomas, Panosteitis, Deafness

## Giant Breeds

*Bullmastiff, Great Danes, Great Pyrenes, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard, Burnese Mountain Dog*

Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, Hip Dysplasia, Cardiomyopathy, OCD, Spondylosis, Osteocarcoma, Panosteitis