

Toy Group



Affenpinscher

Country of Origin: Germany

Origin of Name: *Affenpinscher* is German for “Monkey Terrier”

Weight Range: 7-8 lbs

Height Range: 10-12 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires a moderate amount of exercise; Difficult to obedience train; Good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: weekly brushing, trimming every two months

Colors: Belge, Black, Black/Silver, Black/Tan, Red

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: not prone to congenital disease, but could include: slipped stifle, fractures, eye ulcers, respiratory difficulties, Legg-Perthes disease, patellar luxation, kidney problems, heart murmurs, hypothyroidism, open fontanel (cranial bones)

Possible Behavior Problems: independence, house-breaking problems, house soiling, possessiveness of toys

Use today: companion

First Bred For: vermin hunting

Character Traits: serious, intense, humorous, sparky, stubborn, smug, tendency to snap, lively, amusing, very loyal and loving to family, aloof or aggressive with strangers, alert, intelligent, terrier-like, persistent in demanding affection



Bolognese

Country of Origin: Italy

Weight Range: 5-9 lbs

Height Range: 10-12 in

Lifestyle: Adores children; Suitable for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Gets along well with other dogs; Needs a well fenced yard; Easy to obedience train

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: never trimmed, except between toes and under belly, should be regularly brushed to prevent matting

Colors: White

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: In general, the Bolognese is a healthy, hardy breed, however, be sure to check for luxating patella or eye abnormalities before buying

Possible Behavior Problems: roaming

Use today: companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: affectionate, slightly reserved, shy, enjoys the companionship of people, forms a close relationship with its owner, sturdy, serious, intelligent, bright, quick learner, pleasing disposition, , devoted to family



Brussels Griffon

Country of Origin: Belgium

Weight Range: 6-12 lbs

Height Range: 7-8 in

Varieties: rough, smooth

Lifestyle: Great for urban living; Requires a lot of grooming; Suitable with children; Easy to obedience train; Not well adapted for intense cold; Gets along well with other dogs; Good watchdogs; Requires firm, early training;

Daily Exercise: 20 minutes

Colors: Belge, Black, Black/Tan, Red, Blue, Brown, Chocolate, Tan, Wheaten

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: relatively few problems, but watch for: patellar luxation, progressive retinal atrophy

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive barking, house soiling, stubbornness, picky eating, wheezing, snoring

Use today: companion

First Bred For: vermin hunting

Character Traits: super-intelligent, sensitive, self-conscious around strangers, not a "pampered pet", good-nature, amusing, alert, a reliable companion, stubborn, excellent students, saucy, perky, loving, excellent companion



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 10-18 lbs

Height Range: 12-13 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Great for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs; Sheds moderately; Easy to housetrain

Daily Exercise: 15 minutes

Daily Care: Brushing and combing once a week, occasional professional trim

Colors: Black/tan; Black/white, Blenheim, Ruby

Life Expectancy: 9-14 years

Possible Health Problems: heart disease, slipped stifle, hip dysplasia, cataracts, retinal disease, patellar luxation, heart valve abnormalities

Possible Behavior Problems: barking with joy

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: friendly, affable, energetic, lively, spunky, loves everybody, outgoing, rugged, loves outdoor activities, eager to please, good sense of smell and vision, can have a mind of its own, responds well to owner's wishes



Chihuahua

Country of Origin: Mexico

Weight Range: 2-6 lbs

Height Range: 6-9 in

Varieties: Long-haired and Short-haired

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Requires minimal exercise; Good watchdog; Longhaired sheds only in spring, Shorthaired sheds all the time; Supervision with small children necessary as this breed is fragile

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: Shorthaired needs little grooming, Longhaired needs more grooming

Colors: Black, Chocolate, Cream, Fawn, Red, Black Sabled Fawn, Black Sabled Silver, Blue, Blue Brindled Fawn, Blue Fawn, Chocolate Brindled Fawn, Chocolate Sabled Fawn, Fawn Brindled Black, Gold, Silver, White, Tan (and combinations of the above)

Life Expectancy: 12-14 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, jawbone disorders, fractures, rheumatism, heart disease, tooth and gum weakness, patellar luxation, progressive retinal atrophy,

glaucoma, lens luxation, in-turned eyelids, tracheal collapse, heart problems, hypoglycemia, open fontanel

Possible Behavior Problems: stubbornness, snappiness, fearfulness

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companion dog

Character Traits: ultimate toy lapdog, shivers at the slightest breeze, content on the lap of its human companion, humorous, comforting, lively, intelligent, very affectionate, bold, clever



Chinese Crested

Country of Origin: China/Africa

Weight Range: 5-12 lbs

Height Range: 9-13 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Great for urban living; Can suffer from excess heat; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Requires minimal grooming; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Little to no shedding; Easy to obedience train; Gets along well with other dogs/pets

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: Powderpuff needs brushing 5 times a week, Hairless needs extensive skin care: wiped with wet cloth every day, rubbed with hand lotion, and needs a weekly bath and regular brushing of hair tufts

Varieties: Hairless and Powder-puff

Colors: Apricot, black, black white/tan, blue, chocolate, cream, palomino, pink/chocolate, pink/slate, slate, white, black/tan, black/white, brown, pink, red, sable, silver, white/chocolate

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: sensitive to weather extremes (may burn in hot sun), tooth decay (needs dry food to help prevent), toenail problems, Legg-Calve-Perthes, detached retinas, skin problems, lens luxation, dry eyes

Possible Behavior Problems: tendency towards boredom

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companion/comforter, vermin hunting

Character Traits: lively, affectionate, affable companion, intelligent, sensitive, bond intensely with owner, wants constant companionship, quick learners



English Toy Spaniel

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 8-14 lbs

Height Range: 10-11 in

Lifestyle: Great with children, but could be hurt by toddlers; Superb for urban living; May suffer from excessive heat; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Gets on well with other dogs; Does not require much exercise

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: brushing twice a week, occasional trimming around feet and of whiskers

Colors: Blenheim, red/tan, black/tan, tricolor

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, eye lacerations, eyeball prolapse, ear infections, respiratory difficulty, heatstroke, patellar luxation, cataracts, heart murmurs, abnormally small eyes, hernias, sensitivity to anesthesia

Possible Behavior Problems: picky eating, wheezing, snoring

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: delightfully affectionate, still possess the natural hunting instinct, hardy, gets along with everyone, requires attention, sociable,



Havenese

Country of Origin: Mediterranean Region/Cuba

Weight Range: 7-13 lbs

Height Range: 8-11 in

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

Daily Exercise: 15 minutes

Daily Care: brushing every other day, occasional clipping especially around the eyes

Colors: All colors, including combinations and Tri-colored

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: not prone to health problems, but look for: juvenile cataracts, luxating patellas, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive barking, house soiling, stubbornness

Use today: companion, therapy pet

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: sturdy, spunky, winning personality, occasionally shy, happy, intelligent, loving, social, accommodating, a natural companion, content to sit and snuggle and watch family members, become firmly attached to family, naturally long coat, gleeful, charming, playful, quick learner, excellent swimmers, alert, aware of surroundings, curious, very active, wary of strangers, not especially protective



Italian Greyhound

Country of Origin: Italy

Weight Range: 7-8 lbs

Height Range: 13-15 in

Lifestyle: Likes with children, but not suited for a boisterous family; Highly suitable for urban living; Poorly adapted for intense cold; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Gets on well with other dogs; Shed very little; Produces almost no odor; Hardly sheds; Does not require much exercise

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: gentle brushing once a week

Colors: Black, Blue, Blue Fawn, Fawn, Red, Red Fawn, Sable, Seal, Tan, White, Brindle, Combinations of the Above

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, progressive retinal atrophy, fractures, epilepsy, epilepsy, autoimmune diseases, patellar luxation, very sensitive to cold weather

Possible Behavior Problems: wariness of strangers and larger dogs, aggression with dogs their own size or smaller, barking, possible house soiling

Use today: companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: high-stepping, discerning, a little bashful, retiring in temperament, determined, resourceful, sleek, ideal companion for fastidious people, relaxed in temperament, not demanding, enjoys the comforts of life, refined, thin-boned, delicate, good natured, gentle, timid, submissive, very attached to master, likes to be physically close, friendly with people, very obedient, well-mannered, never snappish or mean, elegant, graceful



Japanese Chin

Country of Origin: Japan

Weight Range: 4-11 lbs

Height Range: 9-10 in

Lifestyle: Usually good with children; Great for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Not a good watchdog; Sheds a lot; Does not bark much

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: combing twice a week, occasional bath

Colors: Black/white, black tan/white, lemon/white, red/white, sable/white

Life Expectancy: 12 years

Possible Health Problems: eye lacerations, respiratory difficulties, heatstroke, heart problems

Possible Behavior Problems: wheezing, snoring, house soiling, stubbornness

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: royalty, lapdogs, feisty, robust, independent, likes to nap, lively, loves to learn and perform tricks, intelligent, responsive, likes to be with people, loves to be spoiled, follows owner everywhere, great climbers, cheerful nature



Maltese

Country of Origin: Mediterranean region

Weight Range: 4-6 lbs

Height Range: 8-10 in

Lifestyle: Good with children unless they are rough; Great for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Does not shed; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: daily brushing, regular teeth brushing by owners and cleaning by a vet, tying up long hair or occasional trims

Colors: White, White/Lemon, White/Tan

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, eye infections, hypoglycemia, tooth and gum weakness, sensitive to cold, progressive retinal atrophy, glaucoma, in-turned eyelids, knee luxation, hypothyroidism, deafness

Possible Behavior Problems: fussy eating, house soiling, fear of loud or unusual noises, wariness of strangers, irritable snapping, attention-demanding, excessive barking

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: good-tempered, sweet-natured, sometimes sensitive, relishes exercise, will adapt to a more sedentary life, wants to be close to family, demands play and attention, gentle, well-mannered, devoted to family, hardy



Miniature Pinscher

Country of Origin: Germany

Origin of Name: *Pinscher* is German for “terrier” or “biter”

Weight Range: 8-10 lbs

Height Range: 10-12 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Requires minimal grooming; Easily obedience trained; Good watchdog; Sheds a little; Not good with young, rough children; Needs a secure fence

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black/Rust, Black/Tan, Chocolate/Rust, Chocolate/Tan, Red, Stag Red, Black, Black/(Red, Rust, or Tan), Chocolate, Rust, Tan

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: demodectic mange, epilepsy, patellar luxation, Legg’s Perthes Disease, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, pannus

Possible Behavior Problems: barking, dominance, stubbornness, nippiness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: ridding

Character Traits: intelligent, peppy, will quite happily challenge dogs larger than itself, tendency to snap first and ask questions later, does not like to be handled, terrier-like, courageous, lively, curious, gets into trouble easily



Papillon

Country of Origin: Continental Europe

Origin of Name: *Papillon* is French for “butterfly”

Weight Range: 9-10 lbs

Height Range: 8-11 in

Lifestyle: Good with gentle children; Great for urban or country living; Requires a lot of grooming; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog; Requires little physical exercise; Needs positive obedience training

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: brushing twice a week, occasional professional trims

Colors: Tri-colors, White/(Black, Lemon, Red, Sable, Brown, Fawn, Liver, or Silver), Red, Sable, White

Life Expectancy: 13-15 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, fractures, knee luxation, progressive retinal atrophy, other eye problems, epilepsy, heart defects, opening in the skull bones, congenital liver malformation, hemolytic anemia

Possible Behavior Problems: possessiveness of owner, fear snapping, house soiling, attention-demanding, jealousy, barking

Use today: companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: excels at obedience training, well-constructed, physically fit, robust, adaptable, loves to be petted and cuddled and played with, good attention span, likes to be spoken to



Pekingese

Country of Origin: China

Weight Range: 7-12 lbs

Height Range: 6-9 in

Lifestyle: Good with very well-behaved children; Perfect for urban living; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Not easy to obedience train; Gets on well with other dogs; Requires a lot of grooming; Sheds little, but sheds a lot in spring; Needs patient training and gentle handling; Good watchdog

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: frequent brushing and combing

Colors: Biscuit, black, black/tan, cream, fawn, fawn sable, gray, gray sable, red, red sable, white, fawn brindle, light red, red brindle

Life Expectancy: 12-13 years

Possible Health Problems: eye lacerations/infections, eyeball prolapse, eyelid abnormalities, respiratory difficulties, heatstroke, collapsed nostrils, cleft palate, jawbone disorders, spinal disc problems, urinary stones, knee luxation, dry eyes

Possible Behavior Problems: possible aloofness and independence, stubbornness, demanding of attention, irritable snapping, excessive barking, guarding behavior, wheezing and snoring

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: amusing, calm, independent, the nobleness of a lion combined with the grace of a monkey, (according to ancient Chinese tradition: short, bowed legs to prevent wandering, a ruff of fur around its neck to give an aura of dignity, and selective tastebuds to appear dainty), stubbornness like a mule, the condescension of the haughty, the speed of a snail, willful, likes to be the center of attention, aloof, lapdog



Pomeranian

Country of Origin: Germany

Weight Range: 4-5.5 lbs

Height Range: 8.5-11 in

Lifestyle: Good with well-behaved children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of grooming; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Easy to obedience train; Good watchdog; Sheds; Must be kept on leash or in secure yard

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: brushing several times a week, professional trimming

Colors: Beaver, Black, Black/Tan, Blue, Blue/Tan, Blue Brindle, Blue Merle, Chocolate, Chocolate/Tan, Cream, Cream Sable, Orange, Orange Sable, Red, Red Sable, Sable, White, Wolf Sable, Chocolate Sable

Life Expectancy: 15 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, eye infections, collapsed windpipe, heart disease, skin conditions, tooth and gum disorders, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, in-turned eyelids, knee luxation, hypoglycemia, skull bones not fully closed, patent ductus arteriosus (heart disorder)

Possible Behavior Problems: willful disobedience, irritable snapping, dominant guarding behavior, barking

Use today: companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: acts like a “big dog”, barks unchecked, will challenge larger dogs, large personality, loves to be pampered, wants to be part of everything, likes outdoor play/exercise, hates rain/snow, curious, quick learner, likes to go places



Poodle

Country of Origin: France

Weight Range: 14-16.5 lbs (Toy), 26-30 lbs (Miniature), 33-42 lbs (Medium)

Height Range: 10-11 in (Toy), 11-15 in (Miniature), 13-15 in (Medium)

Varieties: Toy, Miniature, Medium

Lifestyle: Suitable companions for children, Toys should not be handled by rough children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates, Thrives in cold climates; Easy to obedience train; Requires a lot of grooming; Toys not suitable for outdoor living; Gets along well with other dogs/pets; Do not shed

Daily Exercise: 15 minutes (Toy), 20 minutes (miniature)

Daily Care: regular brushing, occasional clipping, plucking ear hairs,

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

Life Expectancy: 14-17 years

Possible Health Problems: progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, glaucoma, eye and ear infections, digestive problems, skin conditions, diabetes, heart disease, hypoglycemia (toy), epilepsy, hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, Legg-Calve-Perthes disease, heart problem (PDA), deafness, gangliosidosis

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive barking, irritable snapping, dominance, myriad problems in puppy-mill individuals (Toy); dominance, owners assume leadership role early on (miniature/medium)

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: companionship

Character Traits: superior intelligence, exceptional learning ability, wonderful swimming ability, alert, highly trainable, reliable companions, powerfully independent personality, exceptionally responsive, trainable, thoughtful, people dog, playful, active, affectionate, bonds strongly with owner, should never be ignored, courageous, adaptable



Pug

Country of Origin: China

Weight Range: 14-18 lbs

Height Range: 10-11 in

Lifestyle: Great with children; Very suitable for urban living; Requires minimal grooming; May suffer from excessive heat; Easy to obedience train using positive reinforcement; Not good watchdog; Sheds a lot; Does not drool; Has lots of stomach and intestinal gas

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: brushing every day, wipe out facial wrinkles

Colors: Black, Fawn, Apricot Fawn, Silver Fawn

Life Expectancy: 12-15 years

Possible Health Problems: eye lacerations, eyeball prolapsed, eyelid abnormalities, respiratory difficulties, heatstroke, collapsed nostrils, heart problems, obesity, dry eyes

Possible Behavior Problems: snoring, wheezing, stubbornness, house soiling

Use today: companion

First Bred For: companionship for the Buddhist monasteries in Tibet

Character Traits: an acquired habit, become addictive, pugnacious, individualistic, vibrant, extremely tough and opinionated, independent, resolute, knows what it wants and stands its ground until satisfied, muscular, unblinking stare, strong presence and personality, strong willed, forceful, affectionate with its human family, a rewarding companion, childlike, fun-loving, not aggressive, sturdy, loves everyone



Shih Tzu

Country of Origin: China

Origin of Name: *Shih Tzu* means "lion"

Weight Range: 10-16 lbs

Height Range: 10-11 in

Lifestyle: Good with gentle children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Suitable for hot/sunny climates only if coat is kept short; Gets on well with other dogs; Sheds minimally; Requires lots of grooming

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: regular combing and brushing

Colors: Black, black/white, blue, blue/white, brindle, brindle/white, gold, gold/white, liver, liver/white, red, red/white, silver, silver/white, black gold/silver, black gold, white, black white/silver, silver gold/white, white

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, eye lacerations, respiratory difficulties, eyelid abnormalities, heatstroke, tooth and gum problems, ear infections, hemolytic anemia, degeneration of kidneys, von Willebrand's disorder

Possible Behavior Problems: stubbornness, irritable snapping, touch shyness especially in the heat, house soiling

Use today: Companion, therapy dog

First Bred For: the Chinese Emperor's court dog

Character Traits: less aloof, more playful, often called "the chrysanthemum-faced dog", loves people, plucky, alert, loves life



Silky Terrier

Country of Origin: Australia

Weight Range: 8-11 lbs

Height Range: 9 in

Lifestyle: Highly suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Not easy to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Moderately good watchdog; Requires early obedience training; Requires early handling and socialization; Not well adapted for intense cold; Requires regular exercise; Good with children when exposed early in life

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: daily brushing, damp brushing 5 times a week, occasional professional trimming

Colors: Black/Tan, Blue/Tan, Blue/Silver/Tan, Gray/Tan, Silver/Tan, Silver/Black/Tan

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: Not prone to health problems, but look for: tracheal collapse, epilepsy, patellar luxation, Legg-Calve-Perthes disease

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, excessive barking, irritable snapping, stubbornness, dominance, resistance to training

Use today: companion

First Bred For: vermin hunting, companionship

Character Traits: robust, yappy, possessive of its own territory, announces strangers in a shrill voice, quite capable of killing small rodents, can become an independent renegade, strong-willed breed, intolerant of handling and strangers, thrives on attention, active, endless energy for attention and action, extremely bright, demanding, sometimes aggressive, very vocal, wants to run the household



Toy Fox Terrier

Country of Origin: United States of America

Weight Range: 6-12 lbs

Height Range: 9-11 in

Lifestyle: Sheds little, Easy to obedience train, Good with other dogs/pets, Suitable for urban living, Moderate watchdog, Good with children

Daily Exercise: 30 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: white/black, white/tan, white/black/tan, white/chocolate/tan, white/chocolate

Life Expectancy: 13 years

Possible Health Problems: thyroid problems, patellar luxation, von Willebrand's disorder

Possible Behavior Problems: Excessive barking, guarding of food and objects, dominance, may be destructive, territoriality

Use today: Companion

First Bred For: fox flushing

Character Traits: loyal, devoted, energetic, extroverted, excellent obedience students, tendency to overexcitement, milder than most terriers, keen intelligence, courage, animation, endless abiding love, well-balanced, graceful, athletic, strong, much stamina, agile, proud, alert, friendly, eager to please, adaptable, self-possessed, spirited, determined, not easily intimidated, comical, entertaining, playful



Yorkshire Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 5-7 lbs

Height Range: 9 in

Lifestyle: Highly suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Good watchdog; Trains well; May be troublesome with other dogs; Requires firm discipline; Gets along with other pets

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes

Daily Care: regular brushing, occasional professional trimming

Colors: Black/Gold, Black/Tan, Blue/Gold, Blue/Tan

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: slipped stifle, eye infections, gum and teeth weakness, collapsed windpipes, patellar luxation, pancreatitis, hypoglycemia, liver shunts, abnormal lymph vessels

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, irritable snapping, incessant barking, dominance, fear-biting, unpredicted aggression, guarding behavior, touch shyness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: ratting

Character Traits: a dynamo, little understanding of its small size, plays hard, seemingly unlimited energy, tenacious, stubborn, pampered lapdog, terrier-like, lively, spunky, affectionate with master, suspicious of strangers, not fond of walks or exercise

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, Osteosarcoma, 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, Osteosarcoma, Panosteitis