

Wonder How

To Choose a Small Breed Dog?

Don't buy a dog just on the breed's appearance. Make sure that the dog you buy behaves and acts in a way that you like.

Here's how.

Top things to consider when choosing a small breed dog

Popular breeds are: Yorkshire terrier, Jack Russellterrier, Dachshund, Poodle, Chihuahua, Pug, Boston Terrier, Maltese, Pomeranian, Shih Tzu, Miniature Schanuzer

Sit!

Size

72"
60"
48"
36"
24"
12"



Small Dog Size means shorter than 15 inches tall and a weight less than 23 pounds.

Small Dog Trainability

If you want a good obedient dog and have little to no patience, then look for a high trainability rating. Here are the top 5 trainable small dog breeds:

- Parson Russell Terrier
- Italian Greyhound,
- Shetland Sheepdog
- Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- Cairn Terrier

Remember to consider shedding

Small dogs don't shed a lot of hair

- Yorkshire terrier
- Poodle
- Shih Tzu
- Miniature Schanuzer
- Havanese
- Bichon Frise

But if you do not like to clean up any dog hair choose these low shedding small breeds

Hypoallergenic Small Dog Breeds?

You suffer from allergies? Consider getting a small dog breed that is low shedding. This will reduce your chances of having an allergic reaction.

Maintenance

2 things to worry about with any small dog breed: vacuuming and brushing. Are you up for it?

Good with children?

Small dogs are generally gentle, but children might be rough or tease a dog at first

Teach your child to be gentle with the pet. Chances are that your child and the dog will become great friends!

"Happiness is a warm puppy."
- Charles M. Schulz

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