

# Bichon Frise



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## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:**

The Bichon Frise came from the Mediterranean area and was first known as a Barbet or Water Spaniel, which was named "Barbichon", and later shortened to "Bichon". Bichons were used by sailors as items to barter and as the Sailors traveled, these dogs soon became the lap dogs of the nobility of Spain, the Canary Islands, Italy, England and France. In 1933 the official standard of the breed was adopted by the Societe Centrale Canine of France and officially named Bichon Frise which refers to the dogs' soft curly hair.

## **BREED APPEARANCE:**

They are a toy sized dog with a height of 9 to 11 inches and weighs from 6 1/2 - 13 pounds. The body length is 1/4 longer than the height at the withers. The tail is plumed and carried in a curve over the back. The soft undercoat is dense; the outer coat is a coarser and curlier texture. The combination of the two gives a cottony springy feel when touched. The impression of the dog is a powder puff with a bubbly personality.

**WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?** They are known for their sweet disposition and their desire to simply enjoy life.

## **WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?**

They are demanding of attention, may soil inside the home and may be a barker or bitter if not trained and socialized properly.

# Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** They love to cuddle and are great in small living quarters.

**MINUSES:** They have lots of bad hair days and need constant professional grooming. Poorly bred dogs can be aggressive.

## **WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?**

You should not own this breed if you are gone from home a lot and have little time to exercise this dog. He needs cuddling and lots of exercise.

## **DO THEY SHED?**



His coat does not shed, but is high maintenance and requires constant bathing and grooming. The coat tends to mat if it gets wet and really needs professional care.

## **WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?**



This dog gets along great with older children that are respectful of its' size and gentle nature. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

## **WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?**



These dogs are fine with other animals. They enjoy playing.

## **WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?**



They are a medium to high energy dog.

## **ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?**



This breed is intelligent and easy to train and loves to learn tricks. They should be taught as a puppy not to nip.

## **WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?**



Health problems in these dogs are diseases of; the Endocrine System, eyes, Pancreatitis, and Liver. Also they may have Patella Luxation, allergies, Involuntary Movement Disorder, and cancer. This dog is requires a high quality dog food, be careful to add only small treats or supplements. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

