

# Brittany Spaniel



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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** The Brittany was named after the French Province in which it originated. This dog appeared in 1686 in a painting showing a liver and white dog pointing a partridge. The first tailless dog was bred in the mid 1800's. They were recognized as a breed in 1907 when "Boy," an orange and white was registered as a Brittany. Before that date they were known as French Spaniels.

## BREED APPEARANCE:

The Brittany works more like a setter. He is smaller like a spaniel in appearance but leggier, small to medium sized dog. He is 17 - 21 inches and weighs 30 - 40 pounds. His height at the shoulders is equal to the length of his body. He has a short dense flat or wavy coat. His ears are folded over lying against his face, with a little fringe. His front and hind legs also has some feathering. He is either orange and white or liver and white and may have no tail or a bobbed tail.

## WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

These are exuberant, energetic friendly dogs, good with children and other pets their size or larger. Easy to manage or handle, non-aggressive.

## WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

They may be restless, excessive barkers, destructive in the house, fearful, and will steal food. They can be shy or busy and love to jump in the air or on people. They like to roam, so obedience training is mandatory.

# 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 are very loyal; sensitive to verbal commands, curious, and love to play.

**MINUSES:** They should not be left alone for too long. They have phobias, and can be very busy.

## WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

If you have a hectic household, noisy household, work long hours, or live in a city apartment; avoid this breed.

## DO THEY SHED?

They shed minimally and with their short fur, require little grooming.

## WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

They enjoy well behaved children that don't torment them. They are sensitive to noise and will become irritated if pushed to their limits. EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

## WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

Brittany's will get along with most animals, but may chase small animals.

## WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Exercise is very important to maintain a healthy attitude and behavior. This dog needs to chase a ball and walk or run with you several times a day.

## ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They will respond well to voice commands and are usually willing to learn, however training should be an everyday experience.

## WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They are prone to hip dysplasia, skin lesions, Cancer, digestive upsets, genetic eye problems, thyroid Problems and Knee disorders. The right quality food will prevent some of his upsets. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.