

Chesapeake Bay Retriever



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, great hunters and swimmers.

MINUSES: While walking the dog, he should be leashed; they are protective, territorial and may fight with other dogs.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

A mild mannered, inconsistent owner, with no time to train or exercise their dog, should just walk on by.

DO THEY SHED?



His coat sheds twice a year, then a little shedding, daily, but with his short oily coat, very little brushing will be needed.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



They are okay with older children, but not with strangers. They are prone to guarding, and if strange children are racing through the house or backyard, in the commotion, they may get bitten.

EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



They can be good with animals they grow up with, but two intact males are likely to fight.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



They are a high energy dog. You need to take an active roll in exercising and have a nice size backyard for them to run.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



They are smart, but must respect their trainer. The entire family needs to take part in training the dog, hold his respect, and start when he's a puppy.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



Hip and Elbow Dysplasia, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Von Willebrand's disease. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

The following information and opinions are based solely on Vladae, Bonny, A.C.T. and The Dog Wizard Inc.'s knowledge and experience and may not apply to every dog belonging to this breed. The overall temperament of a Chesapeake Bay Retriever is based on many variables, which include: genetics, environment and the behavior of its owner(s). These variables can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of a dogs' performance and behavior. Please do your research carefully before selecting any breed of dog for you or your family!

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: In 1807 an English Brig was wrecked off the Coast of Maryland. The Crew, Cargo, and two Newfoundland pups were rescued by the American Ship Canton. It is believed that those pups became the foundation for the Chesapeake Bay Retriever of today. They were admired for their ability to retrieve Ducks from the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

BREED APPEARANCE: He is the largest of the Retrievers with a height of 21 to 26 inches and weighs from 55 – 80 pounds. His eyes are of yellowish or amber color and wide apart. He has a double coat with an outer coat of short, harsh, wavy fur and a dense, fine, wooly undercoat with ample oil to protect him from wet or cold conditions. The coat should be colors of his hunting surroundings, brown, sedge, or dead grass. His tail is of medium length and wide at the base.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED: They are great swimmers, intelligent, protective, and a good watch dog.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

They are dominant with other dogs, have a strong protective instinct and are suspicious of strange dogs and people. They are a challenge to train and may require professional help.