

Chihuahua



with coat **Perfect Pet Rating** Coats the of soft

texture, short and glossy, Long Coats with the coat of a soft texture, either flat or slightly curly, with undercoat preferred. Ears are fringed, tail is full and long, with feathering on feet and legs, pants on hind legs and large ruff on the neck. They have coats of any color, solid, marked or splashed.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

They like to do tricks, love their family and can be dressed in clothes to protect them in the cold.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

They will bark and advance on any stranger to protect their family. They can be aggressive towards animals and people.



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 intelligent and enjoy being held.

MINUSES: They may bite anyone that persists on approaching them.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog needs companionship, someone with time to spend with them; however, this dog is too tiny to be around small children. Chihuahua's can be easily hurt, or can bite a child that attempts to handle it.

DO THEY SHED?



They have minimal shedding of their coat. The long coated variety needs daily brushing.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



This dog needs training and socialization to accept children it is raised with. Strangers are likely to be bitten by this breed. **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Chihuahua's would take on a challenger without regard to the size of the animal. However, they usually get along with other Chihuahuas.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



They are moderately energetic and don't require a lot of exercise.



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Techichi, companion of the ancient Toltecs, is believed to be the ancestor of the Chihuahua. The records of the Techichi are available after the 9th century, but its ancestors may have been present prior to the Mayans. It is believed that Christopher Columbus was responsible for bringing the Chihuahua to Europe and eventually landing in Mexico. The Chinese Crested brought from Alaska seems to be responsible for the reduction in the size of the modern Chihuahua. The Chihuahua was registered in the American Kennel Club in 1904.

BREED APPEARANCE:

The Chihuahua is the world's smallest dog; height is 6 to 9 inches and weighs from 2 – 6 pounds. They are a graceful, alert, quick little dog with a saucy expression and a terrier type temperament. The body is slightly longer than tall. There are two varieties; Smooth

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They enjoy pleasing their owners but they need training to control their protectiveness and fears.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



The smaller the breed the more health problems they have. For instance, their mouth is too small for all the teeth they have. Their other health problems are collapsing trachea, heart murmurs, subluxating patellas. They eat little so a high quality diet is essential to maintain health. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.