

German Shorthaired Pointer



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: This breed was created in Germany to fill the need for a dog that could hunt both fur and feather.

BREED APPEARANCE: German Shorthaired dogs are about 25"-30" tall and weigh about 45-70 pounds. They have a short, coarse feeling coat. They are normally brown or white and most have small brown or white spots.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This is a loving dog. Its tail is always wagging and makes a great playmate. This breed would also make a great hunting companion. These dogs are always ready for anything!

WHY YOU WOULD HATE THIS BREED:

This breed needs to be crated up to two years to prevent bad habits. They can become territorial and require regular ear care.

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: This breed is very friendly with people and make a great family companion. They enjoy rigorous activity.

MINUSES: This breed tends to be very hyper. Also, you must earn their respect.

WHO SHOULD NEVER OWN THIS BREED?

This breed is hyper, so they are not for a mellow person. If you cannot provide the required exercise, please choose another breed.

DO THEY SHED?



This breed is a moderate shedder. Their coat should be brushed regularly.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



This breed is very good with children. Overall, German Shorthaired's make good family dogs. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Usually they are not dangerous to other animals if trained properly. Two males may be aggressive towards each other.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



This breed is very hyper and should be allowed to run for one half hour, at least two times a day.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



Training is mandatory. It should be started early to avoid territorial problems.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



This breed may suffer from hip dysphasia, ear problems and bloat. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.