

Lhasa Apso



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 don't need much exercise and thrive on living inside the home or apartment. They can also be left for long periods of time, if confined appropriately. They are very discriminate with their barking behavior. A Lhasa will typically not join in on a neighborhood barking frenzy!

MINUSES: Lhasas are extremely suspicious of strangers and have a difficult time deciding on how children fit in the order of the "family pack." They are also unpredictable with other animals. Grooming the Lhasa can be challenging and is MANDATORY and should be done FREQUENTLY.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED? If you have children and other animals in your home, the Lhasa is probably not a good choice for you.

DO THEY SHED?

This breed does not shed much. Their coat requires frequent grooming but may be kept short for easier maintenance.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

Lhasas are leery of young children and all strangers. Early socialization is MANDATORY to help prevent this behavior. EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

Lhasas can be aggressive toward other animals. Early socialization is MANDATORY to help prevent this behavior.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

The great thing about Lhasa's is their ability to maintain a healthy mind and body with little exercise and outdoor play time. However, it is always advisable to give your dog daily exercise and some time to be outside in your yard!

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Lhasas are difficult to train and have a hard time accepting authority. Training at a young age is MANDATORY!

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

In general, the Lhasa Apso is a very healthy dog. They may experience some skin problems and may suffer from kidney 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 Lhasa Apso 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 dog's 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: Lhasa Apso's originated in the Himalayan Mountains of Tibet. This little mountain dog was hardy and vivacious and were trusted guardians of indoor dwellings.

BREED APPEARANCE: This breed is about 9"-11" high and weighs about 12-18 pounds. They are sturdy in appearance and have a long double thick coat. This breed comes in a variety of colors.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

Lhasa Apso's are strong willed and very devoted to its owner. They make excellent INDOOR watch dogs and require very little exercise. They each have unique personalities and can have a sense of humor. This breed is perfect for someone who is unable to take their dog for long walks outside.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Lhasas are independent and not known for their willingness to please. They are suspicious toward strangers and do not accept teasing and loud play from children. They also tend to choose one adult in the family as their closest companion.