

Maltese



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: This is an ancient breed that has been known as the canine aristocrat for more than 28 centuries. Its origins point to the Mediterranean region and was popular among noblewomen. The version we see today was created in the 19th Century.

BREED APPEARANCE: Maltese are 8"-10" in height and are very tiny and fragile. They have long silky white hair that hangs to the ground.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

The Maltese is intelligent and very devoted to its owner. They are lively and playful and are fearless, yet very gentle.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed is hard to train and may become possessive of its owner. They also hate to be left alone and cannot withstand the rough play of young children.

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 playful, bold, and convinced everyone loves them. They are also great for senior citizens or apartment dwellers.

MINUSES: Maltese can bark a lot. They are not a willing participant in obedience training and may become overly protective of their owner.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog needs a lot of attention. So if you have a busy social or business life, this dog is not for you.

DO THEY SHED?



This breed sheds very little, but requires frequent grooming.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



Maltese are usually fine around kids, but can be easily injured by their rough play. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



This breed is usually good around animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



This breed is comfortable just lounging around the house. Indoor exercise is about all that is needed for this breed.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



This breed is not the easiest to train.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



They experience eye problems and their exposed skin is highly susceptible to sunburn. Some may also experience dental problems. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.