

Maltipoo

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: There are three different ways to spell this breeds name and all three are correct; Maltipoo, Maltepo, or Maltapoo. Maltipoo are a hybrid developed from breeding two Purebreds; a Maltese and a Toy or Miniature Poodle together. The resulting breed is only a decade old and there are very few breeders, making Maltipoo a pricey designer dog. They were designed to be a companion but both parents were hunting dogs. The Maltese was used to find and kill varmints such as Rats. The Poodle was, and still is, a retriever for upland game and waterfowl. Maltipoo inherited the love for water from the Poodle. The Maltipoo is not recognized by the American Kennel Club.

BREED APPEARANCE: They vary in size but generally are between 5 – 12 pounds. Their coat is silky, medium to long fur, usually non-shedding and hypo-allergenic. The coat comes in many colors, usually light. There is no breed standard.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

They may have a Hypo-allergenic coat, shed less or not at all and usually love to be with people. They are a playful happy dog.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

If improperly bred, they may be overactive dogs that require lots of exercise and attention. They can be reserved and aloof with strangers. The Maltipoo likes to bark. You may find professional behavior and obedience training a must to establish control and have a mannerly dog.

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 used in therapy work, and are gentle around children and seniors.

MINUSES: They need gentle care and should be exercised daily.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog was bred to be a companion, they are happiest in your lap. You should not own this dog if you don't want to train them or spend time with them.

DO THEY SHED?

Their coat may shed a little, or not at all. They will need daily grooming. Clip the face once a week and clip the body once or twice a year.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

They should be good with children. The Maltipoo is small and can get hurt easily.

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They are very small and are only a threat to vermin and the like.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They have been bred to be a companion but they can be feisty, energetic dogs. You need to provide a safe place for them to exercise.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

This breed is intelligent and easy to train.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Health concerns of the Maltipoo include liver shunts, epilepsy, common skin diseases, eye problems, patella luxation, hip dysplasia and Legg-Calve-Perthes disease. Porto systemic shunts are rare but a well documented inherited disorder that may also occur. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.