

# Papillon



## 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.*

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Papillon was known in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century as the Dwarf Spaniel, and was developed as a ratter, able to dispatch rats by exhausting them till they were too tired to defend themselves. They became popular in Poland, Spain, France, Italy, and Brittan as a companion dog to the rich and famous. They have been painted by Rubens. Later many were sold to the court of Louis XIV of France. Today Papillon's are much the same as in 16<sup>th</sup> Century except for the ears and the color. During the years of Louis the Great, the Dwarf Spaniel had large drooping ears but over time the ears became erect and fringed to resemble the wings of the butterfly. Their name became Papillon which is French for Butterfly. The color changed from solid to predominately white with patches of other colors.

**BREED APPEARANCE:** This is a small dog; height is 8 to 11 inches and weighs 7 – 10 pounds. He is fragile, small boned, dainty & friendly. His eyes are dark, round not bulging. Chest medium depth with belly tucked. Tail long set high and carried curled up over the body. The tail is plumed with long flowing hair.

**WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:** They are charming, friendly and a small pocket dogs. They do well in apartments or homes for city living, but hardy enough for the country.

**WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:** They tend to be like a windup toy, high strung and yappy. Some are timid and when stressed, become fear aggressive.

**PLUSES:** They love being held in your arms. They are very good at obedience and agility.

**MINUSES:** They can be a problem if they are not properly socialized and trained.

### WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

Papillons are too small for young children who might drop them or squeeze them. They can be obsessive barkers, so if your neighborhood or apartment dwelling is sound sensitive, forget this dog.

### DO THEY SHED?



They shed very little, a brush through their fur will keep them tip top.

### WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



They are good with most family members. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

### WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



They are not big enough to kill much, but may keep your home free of varmints

### WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



Papillon's can get all the exercise they need indoors.

### ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



They like to learn tricks and are eager to learn. Training with a professional is important to control their barking and any behavioral issues.

### WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



They have knee and eye problems. They can be sensitive to common anesthetics. Papillon's are not great eaters, so a premium dog food will give them the nutrients and protein they need without the chemicals that these dogs may be sensitive to. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

