

Portuguese Waterdog



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The Portuguese Waterdog was developed from a working dog and has aided fisherman for many centuries. He has helped them catch fish, run messages between ships, and retrieve anything that has fallen off board.

BREED APPEARANCE:

Portuguese Waterdogs are about 17"-23" and weigh around 35-60 lbs. Their coat comes in flat, wavy, open curl, or a tight curl. This breed can be black, white, brown, or any combination.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed loves the water. They love to be around you and are great with children. This breed also likes to work and always wants a job to perform at.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

As a puppy, the Portuguese Waterdog is an excellent chewer and will surely try to steal your belongings. They can be shy and react fearfully to an angry tone of voice. They also require at least one hour of exercise each day.

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: Portuguese Waterdogs love being with their owner. They love to swim and be active.

MINUSES: This breed tends to have a wide range of temperaments. They need a lot of play time and exercise.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This breed needs extensive exercise each day. If you are unable to provide the required exercise, please choose another breed.

DO THEY SHED?

This type of dog doesn't really shed. Professional grooming is required approximately every 6-8 weeks.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This breed is good with children and will rarely bite a child. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

This breed is good with other dogs. If they're introduced to cats or other pets they can get along with them with no problems.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

This breed is a working breed with tremendous stamina. They love to be walked, and they love to swim.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

This breed is highly trainable. They are very intelligent and may even out think its owner. Early socialization should be a part of the training.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Some may suffer from hip dysphasia or progressive retinal atrophy. Also, puppies should be tested for nerve disease. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.