

Pug



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Not much is known about the history of this breed. However, we do know that the Pug originated in China centuries ago and has appeared in ancient Chinese artworks. It is also stated that this breed was known to Confucius around 551 B.C. - 479 B.C.. The Pug, as we have come to know today, has its origins in England.

BREED APPEARANCE: Pugs are 12"-14" in height and weigh 14- 20 pounds. They have a compact and stout build with a wide chest. The muzzle should be short, blunt and square. The head should be large and round with profuse wrinkles and velvety ears. The tail should lie in a tight curl. Their hair is fine and short and comes in silver, apricot, fawn, or black.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed loves to socialize with adults and especially children. They are friendly and extremely outgoing to strangers. Although small in size, the Pug is big in personality and ruggedness. Meaning, they can surely "hang with the big boys!" Pugs are also very loyal and affectionate.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Pugs shed a lot and require regular grooming. They also tend to experience eye and ear infections which may require regular medical attention. Pugs do snore and make wheezing sounds, so this may be a deterrent for some people.

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 charming, adorable, rugged and extremely friendly to everyone, especially children.

MINUSES: Pugs snore and are very sensitive to extreme temperatures. They have several health concerns which may require daily attention. They also shed excessively and gain weight very easily. They MUST be exercised daily!

WHO SHOULD NEVER OWN THIS BREED?

Someone who is planning to keep their dog outside should never own a Pug. Due to its sensitivity to temperature, this living arrangement can prove fatal for the Pug. If you don't have the time to give your Pug regular exercise and medical care, do not own one!

DO THEY SHED?

Pugs shed enough for a dog twice its size! They MUST be brushed often.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

Pugs are not known to bite children; rather, they adore them! However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They do very well with other pets and animals and are not known to have a high prey drive.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Their energy level is high so daily exercise is **MANDATORY!**

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Pugs are very easy to train. However, the use of choke or slip collars is not recommended due to the sensitivity of their trachea. Please exercise caution when choosing the correct training tools.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Pugs are very sensitive to temperature changes and tend to overheat. Allergies and breathing problems often occur. Because of their protruding eyes they can develop ulcerations or scratches from direct contact. Their ears require regular cleaning to keep ear mites and infections from settling in. They also gain weight very easily. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.