

Schnauzer



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Schnauzers were created centuries ago in Germany. This breed was used to hunt rats, protect property, and ride on carts and coaches.

BREED APPEARANCE: Schnauzers are 17" – 20" tall and weigh 30 – 50 pounds. They are compact and muscular with bushy eyebrows, whiskers, and beard. They have a long rectangular head, small feet, and arched toes. Their coat is stiff and wiry in salt and pepper or solid black.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed is protective of their family and home. They are extremely intelligent, make a great guard dog and an energetic playmate for you and your family!

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed can be mischievous and they will cause trouble if they feel they are being ignored. They demand to be part of everything you do. Grooming is also a necessity and can prove to be quite costly.

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: Schnauzers are a fearless high-spirited breed. They are protective, loyal and very playful.

MINUSES: Schnauzers tend to be a predatory breed and if given a chance, they will run to the end of the earth trying to catch their victims! They can also become very mischievous when bored. Professional grooming must be performed frequently.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

Someone who is never home or wants to keep a dog outside and isolated from the family should choose another breed. The Schnauzer needs attention and wants to be involved with everything the family does.

DO THEY SHED?



This breed sheds very little, but requires professional grooming often.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



They may not be wonderful with toddlers, but do well with older children. **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Yes, this breed is a high prey drive due to their historical background.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



This is a high-energy breed that requires a great deal of exercise to keep them happy and to prevent boredom.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



This is an intelligent dog that trains easily. Schnauzers have an excellent memory!

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



This is a healthy, long-lived breed. Some may suffer from progressive Retinal Atrophy and Cataracts. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.