

Standard Poodle



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Poodles originated in Germany, though it has been regarded as the national dog of France. The Poodle is known for it's prowess in the water as a retriever. The Poodle show clip is a result of giving protection to the body joints when the dog swims in cold water and the fur shaved off the hind quarters allows it to maneuver with speed and strength in the water. The Standard Poodle is the largest of Poodle breeds and has been here the longest. The other sizes were developed to have a more manageable size in small homes and apartments.

BREED APPEARANCE:

They are a medium to large dog with a height 15 to 24 inches and weighs 45 to 70 pounds. He is an active, intelligent and elegant-appearing dog, squarely built, well proportioned with a deep chest. His skull is moderately rounded with a slight definite stop. He has a slim straight muzzle, with dark oval eyes. The coat is an even and solid color at the skin, with blues, grays, silvers, browns, cafe-au-laits, apricots and creams the coat may show varying shades of the same color.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

Poodles are able to perform in several areas; agility, obedience, tracking, hunting and field events. They do not shed and are good dogs for people with allergies.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

The public's perception of the Poodle as a sissy dog has men shying away from them. Their popularity has led to bad breeding which brings a host of behavioral and health issues.

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 very loyal and an excellent water retriever. Great for an active family that likes the outdoors!

MINUSES: They can be protective of their owners and they are big, agile dogs.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog is for most everyone if well bred. However, they are an active dog with lots of energy and should go to people that enjoy an active life style and have time for dogs.

DO THEY SHED?



This dog does not shed but does require professional grooming. A utility cut would be easier to live with.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



They are good with older children. Both the puppy and the child need to be trained to behave properly around each other. **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Poodles are used for hunting, but with proper training they should be safe around other animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



They need little exercise, but must be walked daily.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



Poodles are easy to train but believe they are people and expect you to treat them as such. Training is a **MUST** with this smart dog.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



Their health concerns are hip dysphasia, skin lesions, cancer, digestive upsets, genetic eye problems, thyroid problems, knee disorders and Addison's Disease (hypoadrenocorticism). Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.