

Dachshund Q&A

Are dachshund's good with kids?

These dogs are very adaptable. They are excellent pets for children. The dachshund has an affectionate, delightful, playful, clownish type temperament, they are alert, eager to please, and adaptable. However, as with any dog, it is not a good idea to let puppies and children play unattended. Children and puppies tend to be unaware of their own size and strength and could accidentally injure each other. The best thing to do is to teach your child and new puppy how to behave around one another and you shouldn't have any problems.

Are dachshund's good with other pet's?

These dogs are very adaptable. They are excellent with other dogs and cats but yet retain a hunting instinct so it is best that they are raised with cats and other pets from puppy hood.

What's their temperament like?

The dachshund is bold, curious and always up for adventure. It likes to hunt and dig, tracking by scent and going to ground after game. It is independent but will join in its family's activities whenever given a chance. It is good with children in its own family, but some may snap at strange children. Most are reserved with strangers. Some bark

Are dachshunds hard to house train?

It depends on the puppy -- some are easier than others. It takes a lot of patience and dedication to house train any puppy -- dachshund's small size and stubborn nature can make it even more of a challenge.

Do your dachshunds have back problems?

No, all our dachshunds are very active and happy and not overweight!

What is the difference in the sizes: Miniature and Standard?

A mini or miniature dachshund is one that weighs less than 11 lbs.

A standard size dachshund is 16-35 lbs

What's a tweenie?

Tweenie is a term used to describe dachshunds that weigh from 12-15 lbs they are considered in between miniature and standard size.

How tall are Dachshunds?

Most Dachshunds stand from 5 to 9 inches in height at the withers (shoulders).

How long do Dachshunds live?

With proper care dachshunds can enjoy a long life span of 12 to 14 years.

What About Exercise?

Although dachshunds are active, their exercise requirements can be met with moderate walks on leash and games in the yard. The dachshund is amenable to city life or apartment living, but it is still a hunter at heart and enjoys forays into the wilds. Although it can live outdoors in warm weather, it does best when sleeping inside. The smooth coat requires minimal grooming. The long coat requires brushing or combing once or twice weekly and occasional trimming of stray hairs. The wire coat requires brushing or combing about once a week, with occasional trimming of stray hairs and stripping to remove dead hair twice a year.

Male vs. Female which sex makes a better pet?

There are subtle differences between the sexes but overall there is little difference once your doxie has been spayed/neutered. If your puppy is fixed at around 5- 7 months of age, your puppy it doesn't know if it's a male or female because it has not yet started producing nor will it ever produce sex hormones. So behaviors classed/caused by sex are somewhat nonexistent. We will say though having had quite a few males and females, if we had to pick between the two, we like our boys best. Why? The males seem just a little more loyal and dedicated. The females are a little busier than males and a bit more self absorbed. We love those girls too though!