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dog breed guide...

Chihuahua

These small 'toy dogs' can be quite feisty despite their modest size. Nevertheless, they do make a very good, loyal pet and thrive in the company of humans and families. Their affectionate nature and size makes these dogs ideal for people with limited indoor and outdoor space as well as people who aren't particularly active and 'outdoorsy.' These dogs have become very popular for the city dweller as they can carry the dog around in a doggie hand-bag with ease and there's little worry of misbehaviour.

Temperament

You can describe the Chihuahua as intelligent, affectionate and easy to live with. You may often find more than one Chihuahua in a household as they live perfectly happily together and also with other pets such as cats. They can be a little feisty with strangers and other dogs that they don't know, but this is a common trait with a number of different breeds of dog. They definitely love attention and being fussed over. This breed is suited to a home with children as long as the children aren't too heavy handed. As this is such a small dog with small bones care does need to be taken when playing and fussing as to make sure no injuries are sustained.

Size and Coat

The most common Chihuahua's are the long-haired and smooth-coated variety. The smooth-coated variety needs minimal grooming but the long-haired should be lightly combed and brushed at least twice a week. These dogs can weigh up to 2.7kg; however, it is more common to find the dog weighing between 1-1.8kg.

Life Expectancy

15-18 years