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## dog breed guide...

### Pug

The Pug is an endearing character and the facial expressions can make most hearts melt. They are an incredibly loving and affectionate breed who really enjoys human company. Many experts who have studied the evolution of dog breeds believe that they are Mastiffs, only a lot smaller than the modern day Mastiff. There is a wonderful story involving a Pug and William, Prince of Orange. It is believed that his pet Pug warned him that Spanish soldiers were approaching to capture him at the battle of Hermingny and as a result he managed to escape.

#### **Temperament**

In this little dog there is an abundance of personality and charisma. He is also tolerant and good with children. They also possess a high level of intelligence and in dogs this can mean that you also see a stubborn side which is definitely the case with the Pug. Nevertheless, they can be trained and come to realise who the actual boss is. They don't require excessive exercise like a gun dog might, but a good number of walks a week will keep this little chap very happy. They are wary of strangers (both human and canine) but once settled they do take to new people and other dogs.

#### **Size and Coat**

You can describe the Pug as stocky, thick set and sturdy with flat features. They don't require large amounts of grooming as they have a short, smooth coat. As they have a 'scrunched up' face you need to make sure that you keep the crease above the nose clean and take great care with their eyes as these can be prone to being scratched. The Pug is a small dog measuring approximately 25 – 28cm (10-11") in height.

#### **Life Expectancy**

12-15 years