

Affenpinschers

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The Affenpinscher Dog

Introduction

Very little is known on the arrival of the Affenpinscher to America, other than a first litter being born in the 1930's. First originating in Germany, the Affenpinscher means "monkey-like terrier" due to their similar Terrier features, although they are also part of the Pinscher-Schnauzer family as well. These cute little dogs are an excellent choice for people who love a big dog personality in a small dog body.

General Affenpinscher Characteristics

The Affenpinscher is a charming breed possessing a lot of stamina for its size. Very flexible and adjusting to changing environments, this dog makes the perfect travel companion. Affenpinschers will also do very well as a house pet. They are very intelligent and quick to learn new tricks. When training, be sure to stay consistent and firm. Some may have difficulty with housebreaking. Like Terrier's, the Affenpinscher's coat is short with a wiry-like texture which stays very clean and requires very little grooming.

Avera Wei	_	55-80 pounds	Temperament	Gentle, playful, affectionate, and loyal
Avera Hei	age ght	23-27 inches	Good with Children?	Yes, protective and gentle with children
C	oat	Tri- colored, Long and shiny	Health Concerns	Hip Dysplasia Autoimmune Disease Metabolic Bone Disease

Selecting Your Affenpinscher – Adoption or a Breeder?

The decision to either adopt or seek out a breeder for your Affenpinscher is a matter of personal choice; however, be sure to investigate both options first before making a decision, since there are pros and cons to both.

If adoption is to your liking, you have a few different options. The first one would be checking with your local humane society or animal shelter. Many dogs are given up for adoption by their owners that can no longer care of them, or sadly there are those that have been lost and never reclaimed. Your future Affenpinscher might be patiently waiting for you to come take him home. Another option would be searching on the Internet or talking with a vet about exclusive Affenpinscher rescues. These rescue facilities specialize in the breed and can provide you with a wealth of information. What could be more satisfying than taking home a pet in need!



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Choosing to purchase your Affenpinscher directly from a breeder is also an excellent decision. This option is great if you want a new puppy and would like to select your own. However, Affenpinscher's will only have an average of 2 puppies per litter, so expect to wait for a while for your puppy. It is best to get in contact with a breeder and plan for the next litter. Expect breeders to have questions about your interest in this particular breed, the type of home you will provide for the puppy, and other care requirements. You should also come prepared with questions for the breeder such as the length of time they have been breeding, the health guarantee that they provide, if they have taken care of first shots and have records, and also if the parents will be available for you to see.

How to Choose Your New Affenpinscher

A proper Affenpinscher will have a square body, a shaggy, rough coat, and dark round eyes. Other specifics to look for are:

- Docked tail (approx. 1-2" high is the standard)
- Coloring: Black, gray, silver, red, black and tan
- Clean, shiny coat

Check your new Affenpinscher thoroughly to be sure they are in good health. Ears should be clean and free of parasites, the coat should be short, but not trimmed too much; it can take a while to grow back in. If you are purchasing an older Affenpinscher, check to see that their teeth are clean for the most part, and not cracked or rotting. Because these dogs are little and can be fragile, they can be prone to fractures. Watch for any signs of limping or balance problems, which may be due to a new injury or an old that has healed improperly.

Before You Bring Your Affenpinscher Home

When you plan to bring home a new pet, it is always a good idea to prepare your home in advance; puppies will require even more preparation. Visiting your local pet supply store will provide you with all the necessary items you will need for your new Affenpinscher. Some of the essentials include:

- Dog or puppy food
- Collar/Leash
- Grooming supplies (brush & shampoo)
- Crate
- Various chew toys
- Treats

It is best to establish an area in your home where you will keep toys and your Affenpinscher's crate or bed for sleeping. Dog doors can also be a great option for an older dog that is already housebroken, but likes having the freedom to come and go as they please.



Elevated Dog Bowls

You'll need these basics before your Affenpinscher comes home. Click the items below to go to CheapPetStore.com to find the best prices for online pet supplies.

- Crate
- Crate Pad
- Dog Bed
- Food Dish
- Squeaky Toy
- Dry Food
- Collar

- <u>Lead</u>
- Puppy Pads
- Chew Toy
- Shampoo
- Brush
- Toothbrush
- Nail Trimmer

EXPERT TIP

Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have a Affenpinscher Dog puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Affenpinscher and choose a crate based on those specifications.

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Your Affenpinscher Adult

The Affenpinscher breed is very playful and active. As an adult, your dog will enjoy short walks, road trips, and being the watchdog of your home. Occasionally, there can be a tendency to overeat, thus leading to your Affenpinscher being overweight. Be sure to maintain a healthy, regular diet and allow for plenty of playtime.

Your Affenpinscher Senior

Affenpinschers are very loving and loyal little dogs with their owners and this affection will continue on through the years. Pay special attention to interaction with children, as older dogs can become more irritable or uncomfortable around strangers. Since health issues for this particular breed are at a minimum, your Affenpinscher should live a long and happy life. The life expectancy of Affenpinschers is up to 15 years.

Affenpinscher Medical Considerations

There are no common associated medical concerns with Affenpinschers. The greatest caution is preventing your dog from injury, because of the fragility of their little legs. Affenpinschers should not be left unsupervised with small children, who can often play too rough with the little dog.



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- Pro Pac Dry Dog Food
- <u>Vittles Vault Soft Side Food</u> Storage Container
- <u>Health Measures</u> Glucosamin Joint Therapy
- Electronic Training Leash
- Knock-Down Scoop
- Dental Bone

- <u>Natural Honey/Molasses</u> Treats
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- Ultimate Touch Nail Trimmer
- Deluxe Collapse Crate
- <u>Double Deuce Bone W/ Balls</u> Dog Toy
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