



# All About the **Poodle**

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## About the Poodle

Poodles make excellent house pets. In addition to being intelligent and loyal to their owners they are generally mild tempered and easy to get along with. Poodles are one of the oldest breeds of dog known to man. While it is impossible to date them exactly, there are references dating back to an early as 30 BC. There are both Roman and Greek references to the poodle on tombs and coins from early periods in history. By World War II the poodle had become very popular and remains popular today. If you have decided that a poodle is the canine for you and/or your family, then take a few minutes to read up on them. We have provided you with this book so you can make informed and confident decisions as you select and prepare to care for your poodle.



Average Weight	45-70 pounds	Temperament	Intelligent, loyal, and gentle.
Average Height	10-26 inches	Good with Children?	Yes. A good family dog.
Coat	Curly, does not shed	Health Concerns	Addison's disease, Epilepsy, Renal disease, bloat.

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## Poodle Characteristics

Poodles are intelligent, loyal, and gentle. They are easily trained and obedient. Poodles have long life spans. They generally live to between 10 and 18 years of age. You should be aware that there are three different types of poodles. The toy poodle matures at about seven months of age. At maturity, the toy will measure no more than 10 inches from the highest point of the shoulder blade down. The miniature poodle is mature by about twelve months of age and will measure between 10 and 15 inches from the highest point on the shoulders. There is also the standard poodle, which matures between eighteen and twenty-four months and measures no less than 15 inches from the highest point of the shoulders. The average standard will measure between 22 and 26 inches. Poodles come in a variety of colors including, brown, cream, blue, silver, black, gray, white, and apricot.

## Selecting Your Poodle Puppy

You have decided that a poodle is the dog for you. Now you are ready to select yours. There are a number of different places you can actually get your dog. First, you must consider if want to adopt one of the less fortunate pups or if you would prefer to purchase from breeder. Either choice is acceptable but you must decide which is the best fit for you and if applicable your family. These are personal choices that only can make. There are several things you must consider whichever choice you make.



## A Few Words About Adoption

Adopting your poodle from a shelter is also an excellent choice. Choosing your shelter or rescue carefully will allow you more control over the pet you get. Sometimes, you can even choose the type of history you want in a

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pet. You should take time to research rescues and shelters in your area to ensure you are dealing with a reputable one. No matter what organization you are dealing with, you should always receive all shot records and any medical papers on your pup. Be very careful to make sure your new Poodle is healthy and well adjusted. It's very important that your pup be happy and healthy – both mentally and physically.

## A Few Words About Breeders

Purchasing your poodle from a breeder is also an excellent choice. Choosing from a breeder will also allow you a little more control over what you will get. You can choose color, and to an extent, even the type of history you want in a pet. You should take time to research breeders in your area to insure you are dealing with a reputable one. You should always make sure the he or she is associated the AKC. When dealing with a registered breeder you should always receive written health guarantees, all shot records and AKC papers on your pup. These are important if you are considering making a show dog out of your poodle. If you deal with a breeder you can usually see the parents of the pup you have chosen or at least a picture of them. Again, most of these decisions boil to down to what you prefer personally.

## How to Choose your Poodle

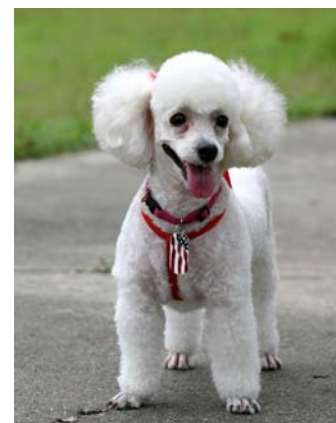
When it comes time to choose your pup, you must consider several things. First, is it just you in the home or will the pup have to adjust to an entire family? This is important when you it comes to a dog's disposition. Has everyone agreed on a color? Take a few moments to watch the pup or pups you are choosing from. Is it playful and full of energy or is it lethargic and sleepy? No matter which pup you choose you should make sure that his eyes are bright, clear, and free of matter, his coat should be shiny, his paws should be soft and free of sores, and check with the breeder or shelter employee to ensure he has had treatment for worms.

## Bringing Your Poodle Home

The first step before bringing your new puppy home is to "childproof" your home just as you would for a baby. Remove any hanging cords and make sure all toxic cleaners, etc., are out of reach. The floors should be free of clutter. Next, you should have a list of everything your poodle will need. This should include chew toys, food, bed, food and water bowls, grooming tools, and treats to use as rewards. You should also have the name of a good veterinarian for all your poodle's medical needs and well dog check-ups.

## Caring For Your Poodle

Once you have brought your new pet home, you should make an appointment with the vet for a check up and immunizations if any more are needed. There are a number of inheritable health problems that your vet will want to check for. You will also want to keep your pets immunizations up to date. The vet can recommend a good groomer as your poodle will need to have his hair trimmed about every 6 weeks. It is important to keep it combed and neat so it does not mat up. The first few visits will be simply to get the dog acquainted with the clippers and used to being trimmed.



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

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#### Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have a Poodle puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Poodle and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Poodle is 30 lbs and 10 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds such as the Poodle.

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## Medical Considerations

Most poodles do have some type of health problems. Most are treatable with medication and diet as long as they are diagnosed and treated by a vet. Here is a list of the major health problems poodles may inherit:

- Addison's disease
- Bloat
- Epilepsy
- Hip Dysplasia
- Renal Disease
- Hypothyroidism
- Progressive Retinal Atrophy
- Sebaceous Adenitis
- Von Willebrand's Disease

Your local vet can give you a list of symptoms and signs to look for with any of these diseases.



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