



Pugs

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The Pug Dog

About the Pug Dog

Pugs may not be the right dog for everyone, but for those who are admirers of the breed, they can make a great companion. These unique animals are a playful and loving breed, full of character and life. It is important to make an informed pet selection and equally as important to make informed decisions throughout the life of your pet. We will take you through the process of bringing home your new family member and lead you all the way through your Pug's senior years. We will provide you with an abundance of information and helpful advice including certified veterinary tips.

This complimentary book is packed full of important guidelines to fulfill your dog parenting needs. You will be given access to checklists, handy vet tips to ensure you are taking proper care of your loved animal, and we will even provide you with beautiful pictures of these lovely well-mannered dogs. Take a few moments to enjoy this information, and you will spend many years enjoying a loving relationship with your pug.

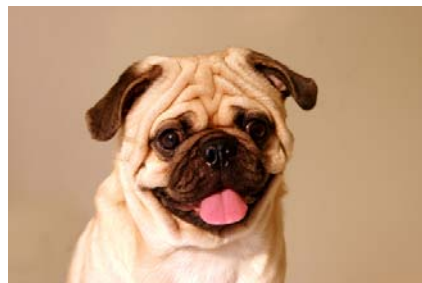
General Pug Characteristics

To those who know Pugs and love the breed, it is one of the cutest breeds around. Pugs are naturally clownish and like to show off. They seem to understand children and are good with them. Unfortunately, due to their heat sensitivity and smallish size, they won't be able to keep up with kids on bikes or kids who like to run a lot. Pugs do not make good watchdogs, simply because they are so friendly. They will however, warn you when strangers come around. Pugs are not an easy dog to train either because, even though they desperately want to please you, it may take them a bit longer to understand what you want from them. One of the downsides of owning a Pug is the amount of hair that they shed. If anyone in your family has allergies, a Pug is probably not the best option. Pugs usually live around 12-14 years. Due to their small size, pugs can thrive in an apartment situation or a house with a small yard. Pugs can have a variety of medical problems. It is important that they receive good veterinary care, a good diet, and a moderate amount of exercise.

Average Weight	14-18 pounds	Temperament	Full of personality, playful, affectionate, and loyal
Average Height	10-11 inches	Good with Children?	Yes, protective and gentle with children
Coat	Double coat with a fine, short undercoat and a fine, short & glossy top coat	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia & other leg problems, cataracts & other eye problems, tendency to overheat, and prone to allergies

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Selecting Your Pug Puppy – Adoption or a Breeder?

It is a matter of personal preference whether to adopt or rescue a pug. Another choice might be to select your pug from a reputable breeder.

A Few Words About Adoption:

Look for a pet adoption shelter or rescue center in your community by utilizing your community resources, such as your library, newspaper, and any online information to gain some knowledge about the shelter before you go there. Ask questions at the center and talk with other people who may have used their services before. Find out as much as you can about the history of the pet you are considering. Know that some pets are up for adoption because they have been left behind due to divorce or families having to relocate. Not all pets in shelters or rescue centers come from abused or neglectful situations. Pet adoption or rescue is less expensive than purchasing from a dog breeder. For families who face economical challenges, this option is worth considering. You also have the satisfaction of providing a home for a deserving pet.

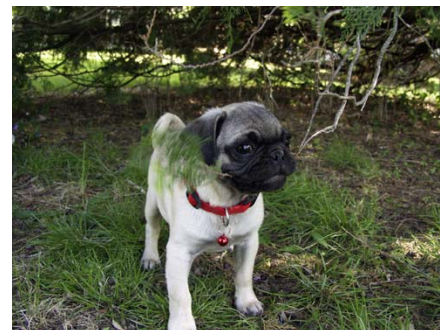
A Few Words About Breeders:

Perhaps you prefer that your Pug come from a reputable breeder in order to raise your pet as a show dog or for breeding purposes. Breeders are very knowledgeable about the Pug's overall health and characteristics. You can find reputable dog breeders by looking in the newspaper, searching on the internet, or checking with your local vet. You should make sure that the breeder is registered with the AKC and the Pug Dog Club of America. Dog breeders can be very particular about the person wanting to purchase one of their dogs. They may want to know what other animals are in your home, if you have a yard for the dog to play in, or if there are any children living in your home. When visiting a breeder's facility, you need to make sure that the conditions are clean. If the mother and father are present at the facility, you should ask the breeder to see them. The breeder should be able to provide a written health guarantee and all medical records.

Either adoption from a shelter/rescue or purchasing your Pug from a breeder is a viable option based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when selecting your pet is to select the pet right for you and your lifestyle. Pet ownership is a big responsibility

How to Choose Your New Pug Pup

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities in each dog. Do you prefer to have a black or a fawn colored Pug? Would you rather have a Pug that has larger button ears or smaller rose ears? When it comes to Pugs, it may be difficult to choose since they are all going to appear rather ugly. However, each Pug will be so full of character that it may make your decision that much harder.



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When choosing your Pug, you need to make sure you look for the following signs of a healthy dog:

- Bright and clear eyes
- Clean ears that are free of parasites
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- Excellent history and lineage
- Make sure paw pads are soft and well taken care of
- Plump bellies are common in healthy puppies, but be sure they're not too plump
- Tails and facial expressions can give strong clues about the pup's personality and disposition

Before You Bring Your Pug Home

It is important to puppy proof your home and be as prepared as possible to provide a safe and secure environment for your new friend. In an effort to prepare for the care of your new Pug, you should create a checklist after learning about the special needs of your pet. Make sure that your floors are free of clutter. This includes shoes and electric cords, as puppies like to chew. Use the rule "out of sight, out of mind" when introducing your puppy to his new environment.

You will need to purchase the essentials to care for your pet, such as a good puppy food, a brush for grooming, toys for playtime, a nail clipper, and crates or kennels for containment. Puppy pads and treats, or other training products, will come in handy as well. You will also want to have a selection of toys and training items available for your Pug. The reward system is great for teaching your pet important lessons. Some toys double as treat holders so that when playing games with your pet they have a fun way to get to their reward. Your Pug will soon discover what you want from him if you use a loving manner to convey your messages. Pugs are eager to please and respond well to positive reinforcement. They are a sensitive breed and chastising them harshly can undo some of the work you have already accomplished.

Being prepared is the most important aspect of introducing your new family member to his or her new environment. You can purchase books about your Pug, ask questions of the breeder and your vet, and read about your pet online or at your community library. Pay attention to the details of the information you receive for true success and your new family member will make a quick and happy adjustment to his new home.

Your Pug Through the Years

Your Pug Puppy

Each stage of your pet's life will be characterized by special needs. Puppies' lives are full of learning experiences. Enjoy the time you spend with your puppy by using chew toys, or balls to keep your puppy active, keeping in mind that you can use these toys to also train your pet.



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EXPERT TIP

Selecting a Crate

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

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Pugs can be slower to learn than other breeds and can develop bad habits if they are not properly corrected at a young age. They are highly intelligent and can learn good habits.

It is important to start your pup with a good health regimen by maintaining accurate health and immunization records throughout the life of your pet. You need to introduce your Pug to his vet and his grooming process at an early age. Of equal importance is a healthy diet for your pet. It is a good idea to follow your breeder or vet guidelines for all of your pet's nutritional needs. Puppy food has different nutrients in it than in adult or senior foods. Allergy sensitive Pugs require special dietary ingredients.

Your Pug should have its own clean bowls for food and water. Sometimes it is helpful to place the bowls on a non-slip surface to avoid bowls tipping over. There are many decorative bowls and placemats available to make your pets feeding time special for him. You need to take extra time to get your pup used to regular grooming by using shampoos, nail clippers, brushes, and toothbrushes to keep your pup shiny and squeaky clean. When you introduce a new grooming device to your puppy, it is important to remember to let the pup become acquainted with the item before using it and to remember to put the item away when you are no longer using it since the pup might mistake it for a toy.

Your Adult Pug

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change. Keep surprises to a minimum by, yep you guessed it, being prepared. Keep your dog active and healthy. Change out his toys often to keep his interest. Sometimes adult dogs develop allergies. If your pet develops allergies, you most likely see changes in his coat, skin, eyes or ears. If you notice changes in the skin or fur of your Pug, you may need to change their diet. If you suspect your dog has allergies, the best thing to do is take your dog to the vet. There are excellent remedies that will become an important part of your dog's routine.

As your dog ages, his nails, paw pads, coat, skin, eyes and ears need special attention. You should always make grooming a happy time for your dog. You should keep their coat clean and free of dander, fleas, and tangled or matted hair, keep nails trimmed, check the pads on their paws frequently for spurs, and keep tooth tartar under control. By monitoring all of your adult pet's needs and by frequently checking supplies, you can make sure you have the most efficient tools handy to keep your dog in good health.

Your Senior Pug

When your pet climbs the hill into his senior years his needs will change again. Dietary changes are the most prevalent at this life stage. Make sure your senior Pug is on a proper diet and receives proper nutrients by starting him on a daily vitamin. Keep abreast of the latest trends in dental products as there are many tartar control products on the market today. There are several different kinds of bones, toys, and toothbrushes that can be essential to an older dog's health and happiness.



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Pugs are pre-disposed to certain health concerns like hip dysplasia, so be aware of any changes in the gait of your senior. If your dog moves slower than usual or limps it could be a sign of a joint problem. You may want to provide a more appropriate sleeping and lounging area for your pet, such as an orthopedic dog bed. By maintaining a regular exercise routine and proper diet, you may help ward off these aching hips and elbows. You can help them manage aches and pains with the proper pet healthcare aids, knowledge, and care.

Senior pets have many changes in disposition and can easily be stressed by active young children. They may show signs of irritability when eating or when encouraged to do something they would rather not do. Pugs are genuinely loving animals and are not known to cause harm to their owner but grumpy seniors have a way of making sure that you are aware when they are unhappy. It is important to know that senior animals tend to do things their own way and in their own time. By mixing a little a patience and understanding into the care of your senior Pug, you can raise them in a loving and gentle manner.

Pug Medical Considerations

Due to their small squarish stature and specific breeding, pugs are generally prone to hip, leg and joint problems. As they age, they may suffer from hip dysplasia and other leg problems. Pugs may also have a tendency to snore because of the way their head, nose, and mouth are structured. They will also snort and snuffle quite a bit, which can lead to swallowing extra air and passing gas. Pugs have a tendency to overheat, so they are not able to withstand summer heat very well and need to be inside for at least part of the time if the days are hot.



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