

Pug

Description



A certain amount of speculation has taken place regarding the origin of the Pug, which would seem to have come from the Orient. His home country is listed as China, where snub-nosed dogs have always been in favour. He found his way to Europe with traders of the Dutch East India Company, and as far back as the 1500s was being admired in the Netherlands. In fact, the Pug became the symbol for the royal patriots just as did the Keeshond for the patriot commoners.

The Pug arrived in England when William III came to the throne. Until 1877, the breed was seen here only in fawn, but in that year a black pair was introduced from the Orient and the Kennel Club now allows four colourings. Once very popular with royalty and the aristocracy, the Pug now has a following in all walks of life.

A dignified dog, very intelligent, good-natured and sociable, he is robust and self-reliant, with great character and personality. An adaptable companion for both young and old, and one who integrates himself very closely with family life. He can talk with his eyes, has his mischievous moments, and usually lives to a ripe old age.

Breed Group

Toy

Vulnerable Native Breed

No

Size

Small

How much exercise?

Up to 30 minutes per day

Length of coat

Short

How much grooming?

Once a week

Supposedly sheds? *

Yes

Town or Country

Either

Type of home

Flat

Minimum Garden Size

None

Lifespan

Over 10 Years

* If you are asthmatic or have an allergy, you should consult your medical advisor before considering obtaining a dog. More information can also be found on [the Kennel Club website](#).

**Get 4 weeks
FREE COVER
From your
breeder**



THE KENNEL CLUB
PET INSURANCE

find out more →