

Poodle, Standard

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The Standard Poodle is the national dog of France, however, this breed originated in Germany as a water retriever. There are three varieties of Poodle (Standard, Miniature, and Toy), from largest to smallest, but these varieties denote size only - the Standard is the oldest of the three. Commonly portrayed having a proud attitude, the Standard Poodle is fantastic with children and other pets, making him a great family companion.

The Standard Poodle is generally extremely easy to train and responds well to obedience training. He is very intelligent and requires regular mental stimulation. Training, as well as play, is a good outlet for the energy and exercise requirements this breed possesses. The Poodle requires daily grooming.



Interesting Breed Facts:

Popularity: All types: 9th in 2008; with 21,545 registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC).

First recognized as a breed: The Poodle was first recognized by the AKC in 1887. The Poodle Club of America was established in 1931.

AKC Grouping: Non-Sporting.

Size: Height at the shoulder for both males and females is over 15". Weight for males and females is 45-70 lbs.

Appearance: The Standard Poodle has a proud, yet playful expression. This squarely-built breed has a long muzzle and dark, oval-shaped eyes. The ears are long, and feathered to hang close to the head. The tail is usually docked, straight, and carried up; the Poodle's coat is curly, rough to the touch, and dense. The hair of some Poodles may be corded (long, twisted, and rope-like). Other Poodles may be clipped in a number of



styles including the Puppy, Sporting, English Saddle, or Continental style. AKC-approved coat colors are blue, gray, silver, brown, café-au-lait, apricot, white, black, or cream.

#1 preventable health problem: Ear problems from lack of ear care. Ears should be cleaned weekly with ear cleaner.

Preferences: To be included and treated as a family member.

Best features: Easily trained, intelligent, and loyal.

Biggest challenge to owners: Grooming. Clipping maintenance should be performed about every six weeks and brushing should be performed daily.