

## **The Different Personalities of Small Dogs**

Small dogs may be the cutest and cuddliest bunch, but they can have big personalities too! Some pups are as friendly as they look, while others are surprisingly feisty! If you are getting a small dog for the first time, there's no need to worry. All pooches are unique but their breeds can tell you a whole lot about their general temperament. So which small dog should you adopt? Well, it depends on your preference. Let's take a look at the different personalities:

### **Calm and Gentle**

Dog Breeds: Pug, Bolognese, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, English Cocker Spaniel, English Toy Spaniel, Boston Terrier, Chinese Crested, Italian Greyhound

Some of these dogs are the sweetest you'll ever find! They are usually well-behaved and will shower you with lots of love. These dogs are also patient and calm around energetic kids. Probably the most popular breed in this group is the Pug. Who could blame Pug owners? There's plenty of charm hidden behind those wrinkly faces! According to the Mother Nature Network, Pugs are also one of the friendliest breeds and are usually recommended for families.

### **Active and Playful**

Dog Breeds: Beagle, Dachshund, French Bulldog, German Hunting Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Japanese Spitz, Shih Tzu

If you want a little pooch that is as active as you are, consider these high-energy dog breeds! They love the outdoors and are always eager to play with you. Without enough exercise though, these restless dogs can surely make a mess of your home! So make sure you spend enough play time with them.

Some of these canines were originally bred to hunt, which is why you shouldn't be surprised if you find holes in your lawn. Dachshunds in particular are notorious for this activity. Those little hot dogs were once made to catch burrowing prey like badgers and rabbits!

### **Intelligent and Curious**

Dog Breeds: Poodle, Jack Russell Terrier, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Shetland Sheepdog, Papillon, Schipperke

These highly intelligent dogs are easily trainable and can impress a crowd with their tricks. If you want to own an obedient dog, these are your best bets. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi for instance, can bust a move even with its short legs. According to Animal Planet's Dogs 101, these dogs are devoted to their owners and are eager to please. No wonder the Queen is such a huge fan of the breed!

## **Feisty and Protective**

Dog Breeds: Cesky Terrier, Chihuahua, Pomeranian, Lhasa Apso, Pekingese, Volpino, Shiba Inu

Don't be fooled by these little fluffballs; they're the sassy clique of the small dog breeds. They can be pretty tough to train because of their bossy nature, but make no mistake: they'll protect you with all their might. Take a look at the Chihuahua for example. As Tea Cup Daily previously mentioned, this dog sometimes has a short temper and is easily provoked. They are also very territorial, which means they don't take kindly to other dogs. Though the breed is fun-sized, Chihuahuas aren't recommended for kids.

Do take note that these are only generalized personality traits based on the breed. There will always be those pooches that break the rules of genetics, like a gentle Chihuahua or an aggressive Pug. Again, it all depends on what personality would suit you. If you want a tiny companion who can accompany you on morning jogs, adopt an energetic Beagle or Dachshund!

However, if you are an owner who is frequently busy, it would be easier on your part to get a friendly pooch. Thanks to useful dog services like Go Fetch, you can hire a person to watch over your dog while you're away at work. You just need to choose from the available list of sitters. Once you've found the perfect match, all you need to do is connect with that person through the app. Naturally, this won't work as easily as it sounds if you own an aggressive little pup.

Have you made up your mind on which little dog you'll get? Let us know in the comments!