



Top 3 Small Dogs for Your Traveling Companion

This article is for folks who spend a great deal of time traveling, either for personal or professional reasons. Traveling, especially solo travel, can be a lonely place. A traveling companion can be helpful on many different levels such as mental, emotional, and physical.

I evaluated five popular small dog breeds for traveling companions. I used the following criteria to rate each breed and used a 1 (poor) to 3 (good) rating scale.

- Size
- Weight
- Trainability
- Disposition
- Energy Level
- Adaptability
- Anxiety
- Grooming

Honorable Mentions

Tied for fourth place with a total score of 16 are the Maltese and Toy Poodle.

#3 Havanese



With a total score of 18, the Havanese comes in third for the best small canine traveling companion. Havanese dogs tend to be cheerful and smart. They are very trainable and adapt well to new surroundings and travel if you start them in their early years.

There are a couple of things to watch out for with Havanese dogs. They are prone to anxiety, but this can be addressed in early training. This breed also requires more than normal grooming to keep them looking just right.

#2 Yorkshire Terrier



With a total score of 19, the Yorkshire Terrier comes in second for the best small canine traveling companion. They are the perfect size for the traveler always on the go. They are independent, affectionate and enjoy socializing, especially if they are introduced to this early.

There are a couple of things to watch out for with Yorkshire Terriers. They are known to have a lot of energy, which can be dealt with in planning stops for play and potties. This breed may require frequent trips to the groomer to keep its look put together.

#1 Dachshund



With a total score of 20, Dachshund comes in first for the best small canine traveling companion. Dachshunds are adventurous and will love sharing new experiences with you. They adapt well to new surroundings and travel if you start training them early. Depending on the type, a Smooth Dachshund for example, grooming can be a breeze.

There are a couple of things to watch out for with Dachshunds. They can experience anxiety and act out. This breed has been known to be overprotective of their owners and shy around strangers. Knowing these tendencies, training plans can be adjusted to address these issues and resolve them early.

Conclusion

To create the best life for you and your new travel companion, I highly recommend training classes. This is as much for you as it is for your dog. Traveling can be a stressful experience in and of itself without the struggle of not knowing how to communicate with your dog. Training can relieve these stresses and frustrations and provide a bit of stability for both of you.

Happy and safe travels!

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