

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW PUG!

WELCOME TO AN ADVENTURE OF HAPPINESS AND FUN WITH THE ADDITION OF A PUG DOG TO YOUR FAMILY

About the Pug

The Pug is the largest dog in the Toy group. He has the advantage of a small size, which makes him portable, but he is a sturdy little fellow.

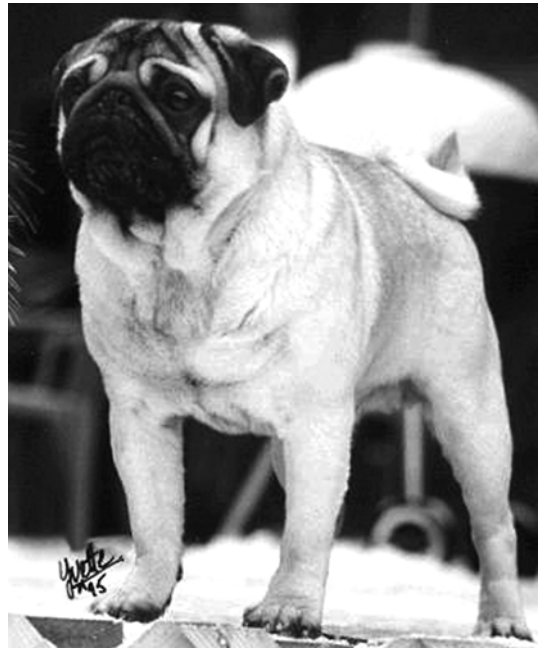
One of the many breeds to originate in the Orient, the Pug came to America through Holland and England. He is a popular breed at the shows and a wonderful addition to any household. Truly a "people" animal, he is always ready for a nap with you, a snack at your side, or a romp on the floor. Pugs enjoy your guests, but perhaps you should forewarn them not to wear black or navy, as Pugs do shed. They love children and will gladly share an ice cream cone with a toddler. In the future you will wonder how you ever lived without your Pug. So be prepared for that quiet snore in your ear and that warm feeling in your heart.

Feeding

Pugs live to eat. You must be very careful as they age to monitor their diet. A good quality dry dog food, moistened with warm water, is generally all they need. If your vet recommends any supplements you may add those to their food. Puppies are generally fed three times a day until they are about six months old. From six months to a year, twice a day, and then you can go to a once-a-day schedule if you desire. Many owners feed adult dogs twice a day, just giving half a portion in the morning and the other half in the evening. Please do not feed your Pug table scraps. Dog food is formulated for dogs, and the companies that manufacture it spend millions of dollars in research to present a good product to the public. It is very hard to resist those beautiful dark eyes begging for a handout, but steel yourself and say "NO." Your dog will be better for it.

Health Care

The Pug is a relatively healthy breed, and many Pugs have lived to be 15 years of age or older. Health issues to be addressed certainly include eye care. With their large eyes and no muzzle to protect them, you must take care to remove rose bushes or any other thorny hazard from their environment. They are certainly indoor pets, as they cannot tolerate high outdoor temperatures or extreme cold. One must make sure they have a good supply of clean water, as they are great drinkers. Regular brushing will help keep your Pug's coat healthy (plus decrease the amount of Pug hair in your house!). You also need to clean the deep wrinkle over the nose often. Regular ear cleaning is also necessary. You need to maintain your Pug's oral health by brushing their teeth and providing safe chew toys. Your vet should check them at least yearly and more often if you have questions or a problem arises. Most Pugs are not good swimmers, and caution needs to be exercised around all water sources.

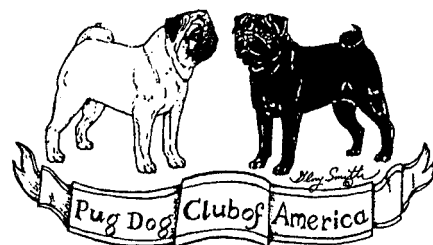


The Pug Dog Club of America has a website at www.pugs.org that will provide you with information.

Many Pug Dog Club of America members support health research for the Pug through the AKC Canine Health Foundation—a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. Supporting the Canine Health Foundation will help ensure a healthy future for all dogs. For more information about ongoing health research to help the Pug, see www.akcchf.org or call toll free 1-888-682-9696.

Identification

Protect your Pug in case it is lost by identifying it with a collar and tags. A permanent identification with a microchip or tattoo can be registered with AKC's Companion Animal Recovery. A 24-hour toll-free hotline helps locate the owners. There is a 100% re-homing rate with enrolled animals. For information, call (800) 252-7894.





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WWW.PUGS.ORG**



Breeding or Spaying/Neutering

The Pug has become a very popular breed, and when that happens, many people want to breed. Breeding dogs is a great responsibility and can be very costly. It would be your responsibility to place all of the puppies in loving homes, answer any questions, and be prepared to buy back any dogs that don't work out in their new homes. Keep in mind that having a litter is not beneficial to the female and can occasionally lead to problems—even death. Many Pug females require caesarian sections, which can be dangerous as well as expensive. Spayed females live longer healthier lives. Likewise, neutered males cannot develop testicular cancer and are less likely to have prostate troubles. Neutered males are less likely to wander in search of a mate and are more tolerant of other male dogs.

If you are serious about becoming an educated breeder, you will find raising top quality Pugs can be a very exciting and rewarding experience, even though it can be costly. You need to do your homework and research breeding and whelping. You will need to assess the health and quality of your stock. Experienced breeders can be an excellent source of information, as can the national Pug club (www.pugs.org), local clubs, and Pug publications.

Training

Pugs are eager to please you, but you must be warned they are clowns at heart. Basic obedience training is a must for all dogs. Learning a simple “stay,” “sit,” or “come” may save your dog’s life. Many kennel clubs provide obedience classes. You and your dog will enjoy them. Many Pugs compete in AKC Obedience trials, Conformation shows, and Agility trials. Once again, your local kennel club can supply information, or visit the American Kennel Club's Web site at www.akc.org.

Join us at a PDCA Chapter Near You. . .

We encourage you to become involved in the PDCA chapter club in your area to learn more about Pugs, meet other Pug people and participate in Pug-related activities.

- CA City of Angels Pug Dog Club
Northern California Pug Dog Club
- CO Rocky Mountain Pug Dog Club
- CT Yankee Pug Dog Club
- FL Pug Dog Club of South Florida
Tampa Bay Pug Dog Club
- GA Greater Atlanta Pug Dog Club
- IN Central Indiana Pug Club
- KY Bluegrass Pug Fanciers
- MA Patriot Pug Dog Club
- MD Pug Dog Club of Maryland
- MI Mid Michigan Pug Club
- MN Heart of Minnesota Pug Dog Club
- MO Spirit of St. Louis Pug Fanciers
- NC Central Carolina Pug Dog Club
- NJ Delaware Valley Pug Club
- NY Pug Dog Club of Greater NY
- TX Bluebonnet Pug Dog Club
Pug Dog Club of San Antonio
- VA Old Dominion Pug Club
- WA Puget Sound Pug Dog Club
- WI Great Lakes Pug Club

Chapter clubs can be contacted via the Internet or the PDCA Web site. Visit our Web site for information on Pug Health, Rescue, Breeder Referral and more!

www.pugs.org

Owning a Pug is a joyful experience, but remember he is your responsibility to care for—providing the proper food, housing, and training. We wish you many years of happiness with this little clown.