



Pekingese are sturdy dogs, easily adapted to apartment dwelling or as an active family member who enjoys the yard.

The coat is not difficult to maintain with weekly brushing, but they are cute and happy when cut down into a short trim. Being naturally a quiet toy breed, they make wonderful house pets and companions.



Short History Of The Pekingese

For centuries, ownership of the Pekingese was restricted to members of the Chinese Imperial court. Venerated as good luck charms, the elegant little lion dogs lived a pampered existence and were not seen outside their country of origin until after 1860. In that year, British troops stormed the Summer Palace at Peking. Most palace dogs were put to death to prevent their capture by the British. But 5 little Pokes were found guarding the body of their mistress, an Imperial Princess, who had taken her own life.

These 5 Pekingese were brought to Britain and they, plus a few that were imported at a later date, formed the basis of the modern Pekingese breed. One of the captured dogs was presented to Queen Victoria, who named it Looty. Royal approval, plus the romantic legends surrounding the breed, brought instant popularity to the Peke. This is a self-important toy breed, weighing under 14 pounds. Richly coated, all colors are permissible. While the Peke may appear somewhat aloof with strangers, the breed is loyal and protective of its home and family and not afraid to suggest with its suspicious manner that a particular guest is capable of stealing the silver.



The Pacific Coast Pekingese Club

exists to promote the Pekingese dog breed and its ancient characteristics, and to foster a spirit of sharing among breeders and pet owners.



Our club was founded in 1916 and held its first show in 1917. We are a Member Club of the American Kennel Club.

Our members strive to breed healthy, sturdy Pekingese worthy of winning in show rings or as a personal pet.

Visit our website for more information
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Breed Attributes

A Pekingese should be courageous and have great self-esteem. Their temperament should be a combination of regal dignity, intelligence and self-importance. They are opinionated but affectionate, and many are just plain stubborn but loving.

One of the first things a person sees is a Peke's head and face. Look for large, dark, wide set eyes. The head should appear big, almost massive. A wrinkle covers the nose top, but should not drape over and interfere with open nostrils. The legs should be short & sturdy. The front legs are slightly bowed, giving the breed its characteristic rolling gait.

Pekingese should have a long, course- textured coat with a stand-off outer coat and thick undercoat. The coat forms a noticeable mane on the neck and shoulder area with the coat on the remainder of the body somewhat shorter in length. As the Chinese Empress Tzu Hsi wrote when she created the first standard for Pekingese: "Let the lion dog be small; let it wear the swelling cape of dignity around its neck; let it display the billowing standard of pomp above its back."

All colors are acceptable. The rims of the eyes and the nose must be solid black. Some people enjoy full black faces on Pekingese, yet others prefer partial masks or no mask at all. Pekes come in black, white, parti color, blonde (or buff) and shades of red. Size should be under 14 pounds.

A Pekingese body should be pear shaped with a large wide rib and chest area tapering off to a narrow waist and rear. The rear legs should be strong and reasonably close and parallel. The front is thick and heavy-boned with a broad chest and sturdy, wide set forelegs.

Membership

Our members subscribe to a Code of Ethics approved by the PCPC Board.

A summary of our Code of Ethics follows:

- ◆ Pacific Coast Pekingese Club members who desire to breed Pekinges and/or exhibit them, must be willing to promote the breed by honest, careful care and breeding choices of the Pekingese.
- ◆ Only healthy, American Kennel Club registered animals with characteristics, breed type, sound of structure and temperament shall be used for breeding and exhibiting.
- ◆ Members shall maintain a high standard of healthy, clean care for their Pekingese.
- ◆ Members must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner with fellow dog persons.
- ◆ Future homes for Pekingese sales or placements shall be screened to assure to animal's well-being.
- ◆ The Breeder shall be willing to take back and possibly re-home any of the Pekingese from their kennel sales/placements.
- ◆ Abide by all of the American Kennel Club's published rules & regulations.



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Also, the **Pekingese Club of America** website has a great deal of information and contacts to help you find and enjoy a Pekingese.

www.thepekingeseclubofamerica.com

