PONGO'S OFFICIAL BREED BREAKDOWN



18% Whippet

9% Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog

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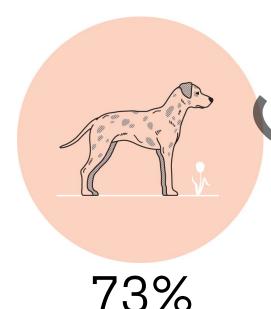
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Pongo is a headstrong, sweet, and athletic dog.

Dalmatian

Believed to have originated in present-day Croatia (formerly known as Damnatia) Dalmatians were originally used as guard dogs, ratters, retrievers, and even dogs of war, and are known for their alert temperaments and strong work ethic. This rather old breed has a lineage dating back to the early 1600s. Built for both companionship and work, Dalmatians have a sleek build and a confident gait. They are known for their uncanny ability to work alongside horses while other breeds are often intimidated.

How They Show Their Personality

Dalmatians were bred as coach dogs but also served as hunters, firehouse dogs, and even circus performers (thanks to their goofy personalities). The Dalmatian is known for its high energy and stamina because they were bred to run for miles and miles, and have an endless supply of energy. They have excellent memories and are known to hold a grudge or two if mistreated. They may be aggressive toward other dogs, especially males, if not properly trained and socialized from a young age.

How To Care For Them

Dalmatians make great dogs for those who enjoy running, hiking, or biking. Dalmatians are also highly intelligent, so early training and socialization are highly recommended. They can be a little headstrong and strong-willed at times and require consistent training to keep their independent attitudes in check. Their intelligence makes them perfect candidates for dog sports like agility and obedience training.



How To Build Your Bond

Dalmatians need plenty of mental and physical exercise and are happiest when working at a given task (cue their Firehall past). This is not a breed for someone with a laid-back lifestyle, but with the right active family will make an excellent companion. Dedicate plenty of time to early training &socialization and make training sessions fun and frequent and you'll have a loyal canine companion by your side.

How To Keep Them Healthy

Dalmatians are healthy, hardy dogs overall but are prone to several hereditary health conditions. Deafness affects up to 12% of all Dalmatians and is prevalent among breeds with white coats. They are prone to urinary trace issues and their uric acid levels are higher than other breeds which may cause urinary blockages and bladder stones. They are prone to have skin allergies, particularly rooted in food-based allergens.

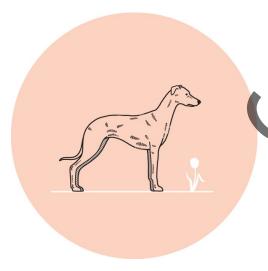
What Makes Them Special

In addition to their unique white coat with black spotting, rare colours include blue (a blue-grayish colour), brindle, mosaic, tri-coloured (with tan spotting on the eyebrows, cheeks, legs, and chest), and orange or lemon (dark to pale yellow). There is a lot of confusion about the origins of this breed, and no one knows exactly where they originated.

WEIGHT 24-70 lbs

HEIGHT 19-24 inches

LIFESPAN 11-13 years BREED GROUP Non-Sporting



Whippet

Often referred to as a mini-greyhound, the Whippet is a sleek, slender dog with a loving personality. One of the fastest breeds in its size category, the Whippet is not only speedy but incredibly smart too. A truly pleasant breed, the Whippet is a calm, gentle, sensitive dog with moderate exercise requirements, making them the ideal family and companion dog.

18%

How They Show Their Personality

The Whippet is a sweet, sensitive soul who loves nothing more than to please its people. After a long day of work or play, these swift dogs are quick to settle down and snuggle up.

They are a very companionable breed that doesn't do so well on its own and won't tolerate being left alone for too long.

How To Care For Them

Whippets require plenty of time and attention from their people as opposed to vigorous exercise.

While many assume their exercise needs are high, they are actually quite low maintenance and will be happy with 45-60 minutes of daily walks, jogs, and romps in the yard.

They also need plenty of mental stimulation lest they become bored and destructive. Their short, smooth coats shed minimally and need only weekly brushings and the occasional bath.



How To Build Your Bond

Whippets can be quite sensitive and take well to positive reinforcement training methods. They dislike being alone and are prone to separation anxiety if left on their own for too long. Making training sessions fun and frequent and training alongside your dog in agility and flyball can help establish an unbreakable bond.

How To Keep Them Healthy

Whippets are a sensitive breed but healthy overall. However, they may experience a few hereditary health conditions including sensitivity to anesthesia, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), and Von Willebrand's Disease.

What Makes Them Special

Whippets are smart as a whip and fast as one too. In fact, these speedy dogs can reach speeds of up to 35 mph!

WEIGHT 25-40 lbs HEIGHT 18-22 inches

LIFESPAN 12-15 years

BREED GROUP Hound



Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog

Aptly named for their stumpy tails, the Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog was bred for the incredibly tough job of herding cattle in the scorching sun of the Australian Outback. They are sometimes referred to simply as Stumpy Tails, Stumpies, or Heelers. Contrary to popular belief, the Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog isn't merely an Australian Cattle Dog with a docked tail but is actually its own distinct breed. There are several key distinctions between the two, namely that the Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog has a leaner body type, longer legs, and a more square-set body. Sometimes Stumpies don't have a tail at all!

How They Show Their Personality

The Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog is as active as they come. As true working cattle dogs, this breed thrives in rural areas and isn't necessarily suited to urban life, apartment living, or life in a home with small children. After exerting some energy during a hard day's work, they love to snuggle up and enjoy the company of their people.

How To Care For Them

These highly active and intelligent dogs need lots of room to roam and do best when given a job. They need daily exercise, and plenty of it!

Their natural athleticism and intelligence make them tough competition in the canine sports arena. While their exercise requirements are quite high maintenance, their grooming needs are not.

Weekly brushing will keep their coats in tip-top shape and reduce shedding.



How To Build Your Bond

Spending plenty of time doing outdoor activities like walking, jogging, hiking, and running with your pup will ensure you establish a happy, healthy bond.

Always ensure your Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog has a job to do and provide them with plenty of mental and physical exercise.

How To Keep Them Healthy

Due to the harsh conditions in which they were bred, only the strongest of dogs survived, resulting in an exceptionally healthy, hardy breed with few hereditary conditions.

However, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dogs have been known to experience hip and elbow dysplasia, hereditary deafness, juvenile cataracts, and Collie eye anomaly. They may also be more prone to demodectic mange.

What Makes Them Special

The Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog is the tri-athlete of the canine world! These highly energetic and easily trainable dogs have been bred to work in even the harshest of environments, and they love to show off their skills!

WEIGHT 32-45 lbs

HEIGHT 18-20 inches

LIFESPAN 13-15 years BREED GROUP Domestic