

Miniature Pinscher - Is this the right dog breed for you?

Find out if you're a Miniature Pinscher person.

It really doesn't matter what size or shape you are, and your dog couldn't care one bit if your ears are large or small, pricked or even dropped. What matters if you are a Min Pin owner is that you are quick enough to keep up with this alert, intelligent little being that will fast become an important part of your life. If you enjoy training, or teaching an odd trick or two, you will have a willing learner. And you will certainly need a sense of humor so that you can join in your Min Pins merriment when he decides to play a trick on you. This might be fairly frequent, so watch out! Also, if you like acting the clown, your performance might just be overshadowed by that of your dog, who loves to be in the limelight and enjoys lots of applause. But if you are perhaps a little stubborn from time to time, you will have something in common with your Min Pin! Of course, you can live in an enormous mansion and your Min Pin will probably be very pleased about that, because he is inquisitive and will love investigating every nook and cranny. Equally, if you are a city-dweller and live in an apartment, you can be sure your adaptable little four-legged friend will fit in somewhere. Of course, you will need to go out for walks with your Min Pin and you must be the kind of owner who will keep his dog under strict supervision; otherwise, the dog is likely to get into trouble of one sort or another! Knowledgeable Min Pin owners restrict their dogs to being on their leashes when in public places, which could be a law in your hometown. Actually, if there is a bit of Sherlock Holmes in your character, this will stand you in good stead because Min Pins will always be the first to take advantage of an open door or gate so they can go off to explore! With this in mind, it is essential to always keep an eye on your Min Pin and create an escape-proof environment, which is a much safer option than having to hunt for your little explorer if he runs off to follow his nose. It is to be hoped that you are a tidy person. If you leave things lying around the house, you can be certain that they will soon be missing. Small objects especially can be swallowed and cause serious problems, even death, so keep everything out of harms (and your Min Pins) way. Your love of hairdressing will have to go by the wayside, for there is but one style in which you can groom your Min Pin. You have chosen a breed that needs little grooming, but you will enjoy giving him a good brisk brushing every couple of days or so. You must be someone who is prepared to devote time and attention to your dog, for a Min Pin needs plenty of socialization from an early age. Spoiling, however, is not recommended, because he can become something of a temperamental tyrant if allowed to do so. If there are children in your life, a Min Pin might or might not be a good choice of breed. A lot will depend on how you have brought up your own offspring. If they have been taught responsible dog ownership and have learned to treat dogs gently, then your Min Pin will probably love them. On the other hand, if your kids like rough-and-tumble play, and expect to include your precious Min Pin in this type of activity, then you should look for another breed. If you and your children have plenty of patience and understanding, always keeping in mind that this is only a very small dog, and if your children allow your Min Pin to approach them, rather than the other way around, you will have a recipe for family success.

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