

Are You a Pomeranian Person?

Pomeranians are happy dogs with big personalities.

At dog shows, the ringside is enchanted by the Pom; in the park, at the shopping center, on Main Street, the Pom always draws a crowd. The very countenance of the Pom shouts out, Hey, look me over! Look at ME! That is what a Pom should be. He should never be spooky, snippy, meek or shy. The correct temperament of the breed is that of stage-center star, looking for the spotlight, smiling at the camera and enjoying the sighs of an admiring, applauding public.

For certain, your Pom will become your child, and you will soon refer to your dog as such. That said, owners with young children must be forewarned. If you have children in your home, or as regular visitors, you may want to think twice about owning a Pom, certainly while the children are small. This has nothing to do with the Poms dislike for little people; in fact, Poms prefer fellow Lilliputians, but these are small dogs, very small dogs. Not until a Pom is eight or nine months of age can the dog be safe around toddlers. As a caring owner, you must keep this in mind. The responsibility of caring for a tiny breed is a huge one.

Children, even fairly well-behaved ones, might just treat a Pomeranian as they would a toy, and this can have disastrous consequences. Likewise, Pom puppies are fast and can be wiggly, and will leap from a child's arms in an instant, possibly injuring themselves. Of course, if you are the proud mother or father of very gentle children and you have brought them up to respect everything they touch, then you may find that Poms fit in with your lifestyle, providing that the children and dogs are always under your close supervision.

If you are an owner of other animals, you will also have to consider very carefully whether or not a Pom will be suitable to join your family. How you introduce your pets will be an important part of that decision, but the personalities involved will have to be taken into consideration. You'll be glad to know that when a Pom does decide he's found a new doggie friend, or even a feline one, he will almost certainly build up a long-lasting and devoted relationship. Poms are not scrappy, in general, and get along well with other dogs. Perhaps a little clannish, they prefer the company of other Poms. A minor squabble between two males, or words over a favorite toy, is an occasional occurrence, but for the most part Poms prefer a relaxed, laid-back home routine for themselves and their furry and human kin.

As we've said, the Pom is not a spooky type and is fairly fearless, unlike some of his fellow toys, who quake in the coolness of their own shadow. Poms will not recoil at the approach of a stranger and they will not back away from an encounter. Although the Pom is not a guard dog per se, it is an excellent watchdog and alarm dog. The authors home, protected by the eyes, ears and barks of a dozen Poms, is surely well protected.

When selecting any breed of dog, there is much to consider. If you think very carefully before making the decision to buy a Pomeranian, having weighed all the pros and cons, you can look forward to many years of happiness together as well as lots of fun and games.

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