

Whippet Puppy And Dog Information

The Whippet is a sensitive, intelligent and sweet dog. They make good watch dogs. They need plenty of exercise and a safe place to let them run would be ideal. They are generally not to be trusted with other pets as they may consider them fair game. They are said to do well with other canines and children, especially if well socialized when young. As a reminder, never leave a child unsupervised with a puppy or dog.

*Approximate Adult Size. The approximate adult size (two years old or older) of the Whippet is 17 to 20 inches to the withers (highest point of the shoulder) and 18 to 28 pounds.

*Special Health Considerations. Most dog breeds have certain inherited health problems associated with that specific breed and the Whippet is no exception. Be on the look out for skin problems, upset stomach, genetic eye disease and sunburn. This disease list is an informative guideline only. Other diseases may also be significant threats, please contact your veterinarian for a complete list.

She should visit the veterinarian several times in the first year for shots, boosters and check up. Then, as an adult, she should visit the veterinarian yearly for shots and check up. As she gets older, six years and on, she should visit the veterinarian twice a year for check ups and shots. Remember; avoid feeding your dog sweets.

*Grooming. The Whippet has a smooth, firm, short, close and easy to care for coat. She should be brushed and rubbed down with a damp chamois regularly. Brushing will help her maintain a clean and healthy coat, avoid mats, help you keep a closer eye on her health and strengthen your emotional bond with her.

Her teeth should be brushed at least twice a week with toothpaste and toothbrush designed for dogs. Brushing removes the accumulation of plaque and tartar which can cause cavities (rarely) and periodontal disease. Dog periodontal disease can lead to pain, loss of teeth, bad breath and other serious disease.

Her toenails may need to be examined for growth and clipped regularly. The toenails of the rear feet grow slower than the toenails of the front feet.

*Life Span. The Whippet can live between 12 and 15 years with proper nutrition, medical care and excellent living conditions.

*History. The Whippet comes from Great Britain where they were used for hunting fast small game and later racing. They were first registered by the American Kennel Association in 1888.

Some Registries:

- *UKC United Kennel Club
- *NKC National Kennel Club
- *CKC Continental Kennel Club
- *APRI Americas Pet Registry Inc.
- *AKC American Kennel Club
- *FCI Federation Cynologique Internationale
- *NZKC New Zealand Kennel Club
- *KCGB = Kennel Club of Great Britain
- *ANKC = Australian National Kennel Club
- *ACR = American Canine Registry

Litter Size: 4 to 8 Whippet puppies

Category: Hound

Terms To Describe: Elegant, fit, speed, power, strength, balance, affectionate, friendly, gentle,

*SPECIAL GOOD POINTS

Pretty much odor free coat.

Makes a good watch dog.

***SPECIAL BAD POINTS**

Does poorly in cold climates.

Makes a poor guard dog.

*Every dog is an individual so not everything in this information may be correct for your dog. This information is meant as a good faith guideline only.

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