

# 101 DOGS

An Illustrated Compendium of Canines



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One hundred and one dogs bound through the pages of this humorous guide to dog breeds.

From dinky dachshunds to massive mastiffs, shaggy sheepdogs to slinky salukis, this beautifully illustrated guide to over one hundred dog breeds is perfect for those looking to adopt a pooch or just dotting dog lovers who want to learn more. Get the scoop on what makes each breed unique, as well as fascinating facts about their history and temperament.



### Dachshund



**T**he dachshund is everyone's favorite wiener dog. Its name means "badger dog" in German, as it was once used to hunt badgers as well as rabbits and even wild boar. The journalist J.L. Menckens once described the breed as "half a dog high and a dog and a half long," which, when you see a dachshund, looks about right! As they were bred to go down into burrows, their harems-like snouts contain large lungs to help them breathe underground. They have a loud bark for a little dog, so be warned! Despite their bounding post, the dachshund—both miniature and standard sizes—makes a lively pet.

Life expectancy: 12-16 years | Height: 5 to 10.5 in (12.7-26.7 cm) | Fun fact: Dachshund Club members (Dachshund Club of America) holding their dachshund like a hot potato is a tradition. | Breeders: American Dackel Club. | Link to dog breed information: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/dachshund>

### Puli



**T**he puli is famous for its extraordinary coat. Its hair forms long twisted cords as it grows, keeping the puli warm and protecting its skin. In its native Hungary, the puli was a herding dog, and under all that hair is a small and nimble animal. Its coat comes in a variety of colors, including black—the color preferred by Hungarian shepherds, who could easily detect the dog among the sheep! As a pet it is loving and playful, but has never forgotten its herding roots and remains protective.

Life expectancy: 12-16 years | Height: 10 to 14 in (25.4-35.5 cm) | Fun fact: Puli dogs had nearly identical-looking herds of sheep. | Breeders: American Pulis Club. | Link to dog breed information: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/puli>

### Shar-Pei



**T**his extraordinary breed looks like it needs ironing! Those deep wrinkles serve a purpose, though. The shar-peis, whose name translates as "sand skin," is a loyal protector. They were bred as guard dogs since they don't take kindly to strangers. They have also been called "mush dogs" because of their wrinkling skin. Shar-peis were found in China dating back two thousand years. But don't let all that put you off—though it may look like it's permanently frowning at you, the shar-pei is intelligent and makes a loyal and devoted pet.

Life expectancy: 10-15 years | Height: 20 to 28 in (50.8-71.1 cm) | Fun fact: Shar-peis are known for their wrinkled skin. | Breeders: American Shar-Pei Club. | Link to dog breed information: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/shar-pei>

### Greyhound



**T**his sleek and elegant creature is known as the Ferrari of the dog world. And that is no idle boast; the greyhound can run at speeds of more than 44 miles (70 kilometers) per hour. Greyhounds were treasured by Cleopatra as well as Britain's Elizabeth I. Their love of this breed led to greyhound racing being dubbed the "sport of queens." From that title, you might think the breed needs masses of exercise, but the greyhound is surprisingly laid-back. It is a sprinter, not a long-distance runner, so a daily walk is enough. It will, however, want plenty of belly rubs!

Life expectancy: 10-14 years | Height: 27 to 30 in (68.6-76.2 cm) | Fun fact: Greyhounds are often used as models for fashion designers. | Breeders: American Greyhound Racing Association. | Link to dog breed information: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/greyhound>