

Toy

Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)

The smallest breed in the world takes its name from the Mexican state where it became fashionable in the late 19th Century. From there its popularity spread to America, and with the publicity gained through celebrity and film star owners the breed became a canine sensation. Bold and saucy in temperament, the breed comes in two varieties: the smooth coat and the long coat, and share the same physical attributes apart from coat type. Outgoing and confident, the Chihuahua has a huge personality in a tiny frame..

Breed Group	Toy
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 30 minutes per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	None
Lifespan	Over 12 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)?

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.

Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) Clubs

Name	Telephone
British Chihuahua Club	01344 425841
Chihuahua Club Of Scotland	
Chihuahua Club Of South Wales	01443313766
Midland Chihuahua Club	01773 713670
North East Coast Chihuahua Club	01287 659452
Northern Counties Chihuahua Club	01768 840603
Smoothcoat Chihuahua Club	01623741109
Ulster Chihuahua Club	07956 733419
West Country Chihuahua Club	01825 890597

Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01403 865280
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01388 603422
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	020 7358 9760
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01495 249271
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01449 782927
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01344 425841
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01775 841302
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	01273 413501

Name	Telephone
British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association	07766 741531
Longcoat Chihuahua Club Rescue	01635 278510
Midland Chihuahua Club Rescue	01952 413708



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Assured Breeders

We have no breeders listed for this breed.



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club
