

**Toy**

## Miniature Pinscher

This is a miniaturised version of the Pinscher, the German breed which was used for vermin control. Originally the miniature variety was also used as a ratter but nowadays enjoys life as a family companion. The first breed club was formed in Germany in 1895 but the breed did not reach the UK until the 1950s. In the USA and the UK the breed has been developed with a high stepping hackney action which differs from the country of origin standard.

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](http://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 Miniature Pinscher?

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.

### Miniature Pinscher Clubs

Name	Telephone
Miniature Pinscher Club	0151 524 2921
Scottish Miniature Pinscher Club	01555 892683

### Miniature Pinscher Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Miniature Pinscher Rescue	01227 860220



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

## Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mrs P McIlroy-Tracey</b> Largs, Ayrshire	31/01/2010	07974 275259	  
<b>Mrs S &amp; Mr S Millington</b> Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	31/07/2019	07957 619440	
<b>Mrs R Mitchell</b> Middlesbrough, Cleveland	31/07/2009	07590 627772	  
<b>Miss N E Mackie</b> Redruth, Cornwall	28/02/2008	01209 890630	  

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
<b>Mesdames C J Collinson &amp; S E Dare</b> Exmouth, Devon	27/09/2018	01395 269954	 
<b>Ms S E James</b> Worcester, Worcestershire	30/06/2009	07917 826323	 



**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