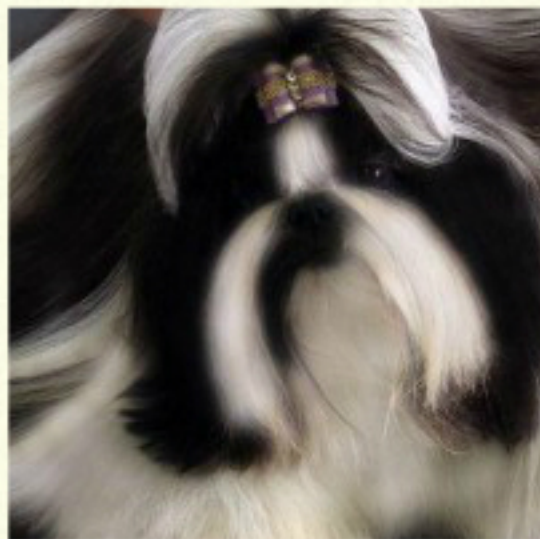




My Favorite Dogs

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Shih Tzu

Origin of breed Shih Tzu

The Shih Tzu comes from Tibet, where it was kept inside the temples like a frightened dog. It is known that they were occasionally donated to the emperors of China during the 17th century as a tribute to honor. In China, the Shih Tzu was once considered a good luck charm. There are paintings of the early 16th century that show dogs that resemble small lions. The name Shih Tzu means "lion." In the early '30s, a puppy breed Shih Tzu was given as a gift to Queen Elizabeth and the creation of this popular breed in England. In the United States, race only became successful in the late 60s.



Shih Tzu

Life expectancy:

12 to 16 years

Litter:

On average 3 puppies. Can range from 1 to 5.

Color:

Black, brown, white and bicolor

Size:

Toy

Height (male and female):

Up to 28cm

Weight (male and female):

Between 7kg and 4kg

Temperament:

Shih Tzus are cheerful and outgoing. They are good lap dogs and great company to play well. They are always excited. Are attached to the family and great with children.



Dalmatian

Origin of breed Dalmatian

Experts agree to grant Dalmatian very ancient origins. There are fresh Greeks and Egyptians who see themselves represented in white dogs with black spots that look like him in a surprising way. However, only emerged in the late Middle Ages, when it became the favorite animal of the European courts. In Italy, the Dalmatian can boast of having been the favorite companion of the popes. Enjoyed such high regard that during a brief period, became the emblem of the papacy. From the nineteenth century, the breed was developed in Britain and France. The high society considered good form to associate this dog to his crew.



Dalmatian

Proportions: General harmony is paramount.

Height size (large):

Male: between 58.5 cm - 61cm

Female: between 56 cm-58.5 cm

Weight:

Males: 27 to 32 pounds approximately.

Females: 24-29 pounds approximately.

Temperament:

Social and friendly. Racy and self-confident, courageous without being aggressive.

Coat:

Hair: Short hard dense, smooth and shiny.

Color:

The background color is pure white. Variety of black spots, with black spots; variety with liver-colored spots with brown spots. These patches can not mingle, are round, well defined and so well distributed as possible. Size of 2 to 3 cm in diameter.



St Bernard

Origin of breed St Bernard

Is a natural canine breed the Swiss Alps. It was developed from crosses of ancient molossos "soldiers" Romans brought to the region by the troops of Rome. Their survival was assured thanks to the monks, who, since 1660, began to create them in a monastery called Hospice du Grand St. Bernard, located in one of the highest points in those mountains and place where travelers went to cross the Alps. According to historians, the first purpose of the St. Bernard was to protect the property, then followed the rescue missions, which began in the eighteenth century. It was his job to find buried victims and seek aid from the monks if the victim could not move. Physically, they were crossed to obtain a robust dog, insulating coat and with an excellent nose, that could work in rigorous situations.



St Bernard

Size:

Large

Height:

Male: 70 cm

Female: 65cm

Weight:

70-90 pounds

Coat:

Have long or short coat

Color:

The most common coat color is white with a sleek rust in the back, black patches around the eyes and ears.

Temperament:

The St Bernard dog has an expression of alertness and attention. They are very active and vigilant. They have a temperament, calm and docile kind. They are great as guard dogs. They are very loyal to their owners. They have an excellent ability in rescue work. The nose of this breed is well developed.

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