

# PASSION *for* PETS

## Pomeranian - Information Sheet



### BACKGROUND

The Pomeranian is believed to have descended from the Wolf-Spitz type dogs that migrated to Pomerania from the north of Russia and Siberia. It shares common ancestry with other Arctic breeds such as the Samoyed and Keeshond. These early Spitz-type dogs were used as guard and sledge animals. At this stage of development, the breed weighed up to 14kg.

The smallest puppies from any litters were often kept as companions and later these smaller Spitz dogs were bred together in an effort to further reduce the size. Pomeranians were established as a breed in the 18th century after they attracted the interest of the English monarchy.

### AVERAGE LIFESPAN

Pomeranians live from between 10 to 12 years of age.

### AVERAGE HEIGHT & WEIGHT

23cm to 30cm

2kg to 3kg

### BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS & TEMPERAMENT

The Pomeranian makes a delightful family member, being extroverted, lively and very intelligent. This breed has not forgotten its Spitz heritage and can be very loyal and protective towards its human family. Compensating for its diminutive size with extreme intelligence and incredible energy, it excels at any type of obedience training.

### COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

The Pomeranian has a friendly disposition but as with any new family pet, should be introduced carefully to any other resident companion animals.

### CARE REQUIREMENTS

The double coat of the Pomeranian does not require as much attention as some of the other coated breeds but nevertheless does require regular grooming. Your new puppy should be groomed from an early age so that it can learn to accept and enjoy all the attention. Best results will be obtained by using a good quality bristle brush.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Your Pomeranian will be a member of your family for many years to come, so take great care in selecting exactly the right dog for your family.

### IDEAL OWNER/S

Owing to its diminutive size and high energy levels, the Pomeranian is not recommended for families with young children. These little dogs are best suited to flat dwellers who are prepared to exercise them on a regular basis. Owing to their high intelligence and loyalty, Poms also make excellent companions for the elderly.