

Bichon Frise - Information Sheet



BACKGROUND

The Bichon Frise is a French and Belgian breed. Originally popular with the French aristocracy, the breed fell from favour during the French revolution. The Bichon Frise then worked for a living by performing with organ grinders and other street musicians.

During World War I, the Bichon Frise almost became extinct and it was only the dedication of the French and Belgian breeders, which saved the breed.

The Bichon Frise was first introduced into Australia in the 1970s and since its introduction has proved successful in the show ring and equally successful as a companion dog.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN

The Bichon Frise is quite a long-living dog and will usually live up to 16 years of age, but cared for correctly and given the correct diet will often can live up to 19 years.

AVERAGE SIZE AND WEIGHT

The female in good physical condition is about 5kg and 27cm in height, while the male should be 7kg and 30cm tall.

BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS & TEMPERAMENT

The Bichon Frise has a superb temperament. It is an ideal companion dog, friendly, affectionate and enjoys contact with its human family. It should be primarily an indoor dog because of its devotion to the family. The Bichon Frise is not particularly suited to living outside.

It is always ready to play a game, take a walk, or just snuggle up for a cuddle. A breed with a wonderful attitude for life, they make an ideal companion for young and old alike.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

The Bichon Frise adapts well to other pets if reared with them, or introduced to them gradually. It will cope with both cats and other dogs quite well.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

The Bichon Frise requires regular grooming and is not a dog for those who want a "no maintenance dog". It requires regular brushing and combing (at least every second or third day) and needs to be bathed every two to three weeks. The coat does not shed so it needs to be cut every six to eight weeks. The Bichon Frise does not require a lot of exercise, but it loves to walk regularly and loves to run and play in the back yard.

IDEAL OWNERS

The Bichon Frise is suited to anyone who wants a companion dog. The breed is considered to be "non-allergenic", by many people, and so may be the ideal dog for people with allergy problems. It is suggested, however, to visit the breeder and have contact with the dogs before purchasing to ensure that they suit if allergies are a problem.

You will not find a better dog than the Bichon Frise. A small, attractive dog, with a big dog attitude, they quickly win the hearts of everyone they meet. They love life, love people, and with regular care will reward their owners with years of love and devotion.