



HAVANESE

Intelligent / Outgoing / Funny

Average size and life expectancy of Havanese breed:

HEIGHT
8.5-11.5 inches

WEIGHT
7-13 pounds

LIFE EXPECTANCY
14-16 years

HAVANESE TRAITS & CHARACTERISTICS

FAMILY LIFE: Havanese tend to be very affectionate, good with children and good with other dogs.

APPEARANCE: Tend to shed less and their coat length is typically long and silky.

SOCIAL: Are playful, adaptable and open/friendly to strangers.

PERSONALITY: Eager to please, with mid-level energy (not a couch potato or high energy).



ABOUT HAVANESE

Havanese, the only dog breed native to Cuba, are cheerful and sociable companions! Distinctive features of the Havanese include a curled-over tail and gorgeous silky coat, which comes in a variety of colors. Some owners enjoy cording the coat, in the manner of a Puli, and others clip it short to reduce grooming time. Havanese are smart and trainable extroverts and are excellent watchdogs but keep their barking to a minimum.

CARING FOR HAVANESE

The long, silky coat of Havanese needs to be groomed daily. This can be done by gently running a comb or soft brush over the coat of your dog. Pet owners may choose to have their dog's coat clipped short to reduce grooming time. The corners of the eyes should be gently cleaned daily to prevent tear-stain of the lighter colored hair in the area. Check ears often and wipe out the inside of the ear-flap with slightly moistened gauze or paper towel.

TRAINING OF HAVANESE

Havanese are highly intelligent and eager to please, and are easily trained with positive methods. This can be a sensitive breed, so care must be taken to not scold harshly. Socialization from an early age is very important. Expose them calmly to a wide variety of new places and new people, always ensuring that the experiences are positive and not intimidating. Gentle, patient training will result in a wonderful companion dog. They are affectionate with people and get along with other non-aggressive pets.