

CARE & HEALTH

The German Pinscher insists on being part of the family and its activities. **THEY DO NOT DO WELL AS OUTSIDE DOGS.** They are wonderful companions because of their devotion and love of the family. Grooming is minimal: an occasional brushing inhibits shedding. Toe nails should be trimmed at least every two weeks. The GP is a high energy dog, loves to play, and needs a lot of exercise. A fenced yard is necessary when unsupervised.

The German Pinscher Club of America encourages breeders to OFA certify the hips and to CERF (eyes) of the German Pinscher.

REGISTERING & SHOWING

German Pinschers are AKC recognized and are shown in the Working Group.

For information on the German Pinscher and the German Pinscher Club of America, visit our web page at:

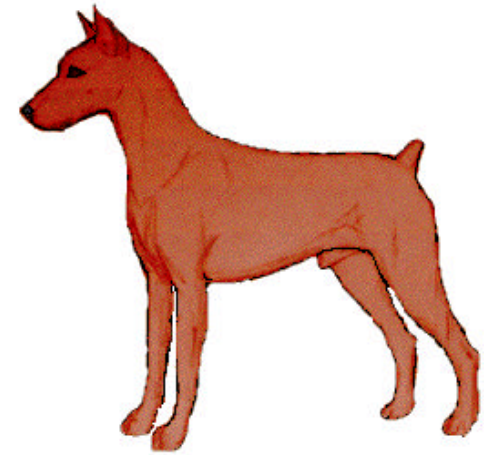
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The Pinscher Press

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HISTORY OF THE BREED

The German Pinscher originated in Germany and was officially recognized as a distinct breed in 1895 after 15 years of breeding for a short-haired type of dog. The first breed Standard was written in 1884 and revised in 1895. At that time, the Pinscher colors were quite varied.

The German Pinscher was one of the foundation breeds in the development of the Doberman Pinscher and Miniature Pinscher breeds in Germany during the late 1800's. Both German Pinschers and Standard Schnauzers, which were also being bred for coat type at that time, are descendants of the Rat Catcher, Great Rattler, or Rat Pinscher, which became extinct in the 1800's.

The German Pinscher is an evolved breed; selectively bred to be territorial, protective, and to seek out and kill vermin. German Pinschers are a working breed and as with many of the working breeds, they work independent of man.

The breed came close to extinction following both world wars. Only one litter was whelped in West Germany in 1949. No litters were born for nine years thereafter. Werner Jung saved the breed in West Germany in 1958 with a dedicated breeding program.

DESCRIPTION

The German Pinscher is medium sized, short coated, muscular and powerful yet elegant in appearance. Ears may be cropped or natural. Acceptable colors are shades of red, black with red markings, blue with tan markings and fawn.

An adult GP weighs about 28 to 40 pounds and measures 17-20 inches at the shoulders.

TEMPERAMENT

The German Pinscher has a terrier type temperament. Of strong will and mind, the GP is determined, manipulative, and assertive. The breed can be very possessive over things and/or owners.

Willing learners and highly intelligent, the GP makes a wonderful companion with firm, BUT GENTLE AND CONSISTENT DISCIPLINE. EARLY AND FREQUENT SOCIALIZATION THAT INCLUDES OBEDIENCE TRAINING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. They are long-lived and keep their puppy playfulness well into adulthood. GP's love to travel and enjoy adventure in any form.

WITH CHILDREN – CAUTION

German Pinschers are independent thinkers. They can be good with children if they are raised with or around them. Children need to respect a GP and ADULTS SHOULD SUPERVISE THEIR INTERACTIONS.

OTHER DOGS

German Pinschers get along with other animals in the house if they are raised with them; however, they want to be number one in any pecking order and that goes for children too. An older GP will need extra supervision for adjustment. The GP must learn acceptable behavior from its owners. When mature, male on male and female on female will eventually compete to be #1 dog in the household.

WATCH DOGS

The German Pinscher excels as a home guardian. The GP generally accepts friends of the family. Wary of strangers, the GP warns them with a strong voice. For the intruder or attacker: BEWARE!!!!

