

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU

ARE ATTRACTED TO THE BREED CHIEFLY BY ITS APPEARANCE...

They snore, wheeze, grunt and sneeze in your face.

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU ... ARE UNWILLING TO SHARE YOUR HOUSE, AND YOUR LIFE WITH YOUR DOG

Pugs thrive on companionship and they want to be where ever you are. They are happiest living with you in your house and going with you when you go out. While they usually tolerate being left at home by themselves for short periods of time, they should not be relegated to the backyard or kennel for extended periods of time. A puppy exiled from the house is likely to grow up unsociable, unruly and unhappy. He may well develop pastimes, such as digging or barking that will displease the neighbours.

An adult exiled will be miserable too. If you don't prefer to have your dogs companionship as much as possible, enjoy having him sleep in your bedroom at night and sharing your activities during the day, you should choose a breed less orientated to human companionship. Likewise if your job or other obligations prevent you from spending much time with your dog. No dog is really happy with out companionship but pack hounds are more tolerant of being kenneled or yarded as long as it is a group of two or more. A better choice would be a cat as they are solitary by nature.

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU... OR YOUR FAMILY HAS ALLERGIES

Determine this BEFORE getting a pug or indeed any other animal. If allergies are dog related consider getting a poodle, (these have a wool like coat) or a house plant.

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU... ARE FASTIDIOUS ABOUT THE NEATNESS OF YOUR HOME

Pugs like nothing better than to be with you night and day and LOVE being inside, face it, that is what they were bred for. It should be noted that pugs shed their hair most of the time and more profusely twice a year, some pugs have a thicker (double) coat than others do and these will shed even more. You may want to consider co-ordinating your wardrobe and furnishings with the colour of your pug. Pugs dribble water every time they take a drink, dripping water across the floor or slopping it onto you. Pugs like to sleep on your bed, your sofa, chair or on you.

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU... WANT A WATCHDOG



Although some pugs have a deep bark (for their size) and initial barking might deter an intruder, the typical pug will lick the burglar to death. It is quite likely that your pug will be carried off along with your VCR, TV etc.

DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU ... DISLIKE DOING REGULAR GROOMING, MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL CARE

Pugs need to be kept free of fleas for healthy skin and the pug's peace of mind. Pugs hate fleas and have difficulty reaching fleas around the base of their tail. Brush with a rubber mitt and comb (with a fine toothed comb) your pug at least once a week to remove the dead hair and to stimulate the blood supply to the skin. Grooming gives you the chance to check over your pug and ensure loose hairs are combed out - reducing the amount of hair shed all over your home.

You must be prepared to give regular attention to the following:

Nose Roll - Keep it clean and dry with a twice-weekly wipe with a damp face washer and then dry it with a towel.

Eyes. Pugs eyes are large and prominent and are prone to injury because they have no muzzle to create a 'buffer zone'. Pugs eyes need particular care, be careful of cats, rose bushes, grasses and shrub branches on walks, rough play with other dogs etc. Be careful of flying grit; sand etc- at the beach, from car windows and windy days.

Any injury, inflammation, or weeping should be checked by you vet, as pugs can quickly develop corneal ulcers if eye problems are left untreated. Any winking, squinting or closed eye should also be vet checked.



**DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU...
CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY, FEED AND
CARE FOR A PUG**

Be prepared to pay \$900 + for a pug puppy. Dogs are omnivores and therefore require a varied diet. If you are considering a vegetarian diet for you dog, perhaps you should consider a rabbit instead. A varied diet is essential for a dog to develop and stay healthy, and needs to contain carbohydrate, fat, protein, vitamins and minerals in the correct proportion according to the dog's growth stages. Pugs have an insatiable appetite, you will need to monitor their food intakes, and obesity leads to a shorter life span and contributes to many health problems.

**DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU...
ARE NOT PREPARED TO PREVENT
HEAT AND OTHER STRESSES**

Care must be taken to keep your pug cool in hot weather. Heat stress can kill any dog, but pugs are more susceptible and this should not be underestimated. Heat can and has killed pugs. Always provide plenty of cool drinking water and shade during summer and protection from rain and

wind during the winter. A pug's sleeping quarters must be out of draughts in colder weather. De-sexing does have health benefits; however, this issue should be discussed with your vet.

**DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU...
ARE NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE A
SECURE YARD FOR YOUR PUG**

Whether you live in the country or city, you must have a secure premises, so that the pug cannot escape. No dog can safely be left to run 'free'. The price of such 'freedom' is inevitably injury or death, from dogfights or from cars.

A pug is a people dog and will follow anyone; they have no homing instinct. Pugs are house and garden dogs.

**DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU ...
ARE NOT WILLING TO CONTEND
WITH HEREDITARY PROBLEMS**

Pugs are sturdy companions that enjoy good health and can be expected to live into double figures. Unfortunately, all dogs have hereditary problems, fortunately few are found in the Australian bred pug. A good breeder selectively breeds dogs to not encourage these faults in their dogs. Some of the problems that can occur are listed on the 'Selecting Your Pug' pamphlet.



**DO NOT BUY A PUG IF YOU...
ARE NOT WILLING TO COMMIT
YOURSELF FOR THE DOG'S ENTIRE
LIFETIME**

The life span of a pug is anything from 10 to 15 years.

If that seems too long a time for you to give unequivocal loyalty, then please do not get one! Indeed, as most dogs have a life expectancy that is this long, please do not get any dog!

(Copied from the Pug Club of South Australia)

Brindle??

Pug.

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Insert new Clause 6. 2. 8 to read:

6.2.8 No 'Brindle' Pug can be registered on any register and a 'Brindle' Pug imported into Australia cannot be registered on any register. (10/07)

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