



Congratulations on Your **New Pug!**

Owning a Pug is a joyful experience and your Pug's happiness and health is in your hands. Only you are responsible for taking care of your Pug by providing proper housing, food and training. We wish you many years of happiness with this little clown!



About the Pug

The Pug is the largest dog in the Toy group which gives the advantage of a small size for easy carrying and care yet makes him sturdy for fun and games.

The Pug originated in the Orient and came to America through Holland and England. He is popular in the show ring and is a wonderful playmate and companion in any household. Truly a "people" animal, the Pug is always ready to join in the fun. Their love of life and companionship transfers into warm and affectionate behavior with anyone they meet.



A Pug's curiosity and joy makes them ideal playmates for children. Once you have experienced unconditional love from your pug, you will wonder how you managed without one. Get ready to laugh a lot!

Feeding

Pugs love to eat and obesity can become a problem for your dog. Diet monitoring is needed to be sure they stay a healthy weight. A good quality dry dog food, moistened

with warm water provides the nutrition generally needed to maintain healthy skin, bone and internal health. If your vet recommends supplements, you may add those to the food. Puppies are generally fed three times a day until they are six months old. From six months to a year, feeding is done twice a day. Many Pug owners continue twice a day feeding for their adult dogs twice daily, giving half the daily portion in the morning and the remaining portion in the evening. Because dog food is nutritionally formulated for dog's dietary needs based on extensive research, it is not recommended that you feed your Pug table scraps. Pugs love to drink water, so a fresh and clean supply is a must. It may be hard to resist those big, beautiful eyes begging for a treat, but avoiding unnecessary calories can add years to your Pug's life.



Health Care

The Pug is a relatively healthy breed, living to be 15 years of age or older. Several health issues can occur because of the large eyes, short nose, and airway. Their large eyes can be easily injured because their snout cannot protect them. Pug-proofing your yard by removing thorny bushes or flowers is a must. Their short nose and airways make them sensitive to extreme cold or hot weather: they are indoor dogs. Brushing your Pug's coat regularly will help keep it healthy and will also control the amount of shedding in your home. The deep wrinkle over the nose and the ears needs regular cleaning. Your Pug's teeth will also need regular brushing to help control tartar and prevent tooth loss and bad breath. Pug teeth should be checked once yearly or more often if problems occur. Most Pugs are not good swimmers, so watch them carefully when around pools and other water sources.

The Pug Dog Club of America and its members support health research through research funding and the AKC Canine Health Foundation whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. For more information about research to help the Pug, see

www.akcchf.org

Identification

Protect your Pug in case it is lost by using a collar and tags. A permanent microchip or tattoo can also be used for



identification. You can register permanent IDs with AKC's Reunite. A 24-hour toll-free hotline helps locate the owners. For information call (800) 252-7894.

Breeding or Spaying/Neutering

As the Pug's popularity increases, so does the desire to breed these adorable creatures. Breeding dogs carries great responsibility and can be very costly. Any puppies bred must be placed in loving homes. As the breeder, you would be expected to answer any questions that may come up and be prepared to buy back any dogs that don't work out in their new homes. We know that spayed females live longer, healthier lives and neutered males have a decreased risk of prostate and testicular cancer. Both procedures have a calming effect on behaviors of both male and female dogs. Your puppy's breeder and your veterinarian will help guide you in deciding an age when the spay/neuter may be best for your pug.

If you are serious about becoming an educated breeder, you will find that raising top quality Pugs may be costly but may also be a very exciting and rewarding experience. Do your research and homework about whelping and breeding before you begin. Experienced breeders can mentor you and share information they have gained through years of experience. The national club, Pug Dog Club of America, local Pug clubs, and Pug publications can also be great places to get information.

Training a Pug

Pugs are clowns at heart. This can make training fun but challenging. Basic obedience training is a must for all dogs. Learning a simple "stay", "sit", or "come" command may save your dog's life. Many Pugs compete in AKC companion events such as Agility, Barn Hunt, Luring (FASTCAT), Nose Work, Obedience, and Rally, as well as Conformation dog shows. Kennel clubs and/or a positive reinforcement trainer in your area may provide companion event or conformation classes for you and your dog's enjoyment and training. More information can be found about these events through your local kennel clubs or by visiting the American Kennel Club's Website at:

www.akc.org

Join Us At a PDCA Chapter Near You...

if you would like to be more involved in your breed. The local Chapter Clubs provide opportunities to learn more about Pugs, meet other Pug people and join in Pug-related activities. By states, the local Chapter Clubs are:

- CA City of Angels Pug Club Inc
Northern California Pug Club
- CO Rocky Mountain Pug Dog Club
- CT Yankee Pug Dog Club
- FL Pug Club of South Florida
- GA Greater Atlanta Pug Club
- IL Great Lakes Pug Club, Inc
- IN Central Indiana Pug Club
- KY Bluegrass Pug Fanciers, Inc.
- MA Patriot Pug Dog Club
- MD Pug Dog Club of Maryland, Inc.
- MI Mid-Michigan Pug Club
- NC Central Carolina Pug Dog Club
- NY Pug Dog Club of Greater New York
- OR Columbia River Pug Fanciers
- PA Delaware Valley Pug Club
- TX Bluebonnet Pug Dog Club
Pug Dog Club of Greater San Antonio
- VA Old Dominion Pug Club, Inc.
- WA Puget Sound Pug Dog Club

You can contact Chapter Clubs through the internet or the PDCA website.

Visit the Pug Dog Club of America (PDCA) website for information on Pug Health, rescue, Breeder Referral and more!

www.pugdogclubofamerica.com

