

American Hairless Terrier vs. Chinese Crested Dog



Breed	American Hairless Terrier	Chinese Crested Dog
Country of Origin	United States	From Africa to China
AKC / KC Groups	Not Listed / Not Listed	Toy / Toy
Original Function	Ratter	Ratter and lapdog

Physical Appearance

Breed	American Hairless Terrier	Chinese Crested Dog
Skin Color	All colors are accepted but they are usually spotted or parti-colored in black, gray, brown, or red	Any color or combination of colors
Coat / Skin Type	Base skin color is typically pink and it's soft to the touch	Hair is silky and soft (powderpuff and hairless), coat is dense in modern length over the entire body (powderpuff), skin is soft and smooth, has hair only on the head, feet, and tail (hairless).
Head	Wedge-shaped with skull and muzzle in equal length. Powerful jaw.	Wedge-shaped
Eyes	Prominent. Dark brown to amber corresponding to its skin color.	Almond shaped
Ears	Button, tipped, or erect and v-shaped	Large and erect
Body	Small to medium-size, muscularly built. Body is longer than its height.	Small, slender, fine-boned. Body is longer than its height.
Tail	Long and curved upward or it may be docked.	Carried gaily
Height	7.5 - 11 inches (toy), 11.5 - 16 inches (miniature)	9 – 13 inches
Weight	4 – 8 pounds (toy), 8.5 to 16 pound (miniature)	11 – 13 pounds

Temperament & Needs & Learning

Breed	American Hairless Terrier	Chinese Crested Dog
Overall Temperament	Energetic, curious, tenacious, friendly	Affectionate, playful pixie, devoted, gentle, sensitive, willingness to please
General Activity	Moderately high	moderate
Exercise Requirement	Moderate, daily walk and free run if possible	Minimum, sufficient free roams indoor or outdoor
Grooming Requirement	Extremely minimum, can tolerate 3 or 4 baths a week without any ill effect	Extremely minimum. Regular bathing is needed to clear blackheads
Ideal Home Environment	Any size apartment or house, not suitable for outdoor living	Any size apartment or house, not suitable for outdoor living
Ideal Owner	Despite its high energy level, AHTs are great with seniors and children.	Gentle, affectionate, sensitive—a lady's companion
Special Needs	Need sun protection lotion during summer, moisturizer during dry weathers. Seasonal clothing is much desire for additional skin protection. (note: maybe sensitive to wool)	Need sun protection lotion during summer, moisturizer during dry weathers. Seasonal clothing is much desire for additional skin protection. (note: maybe sensitive to wool)
Intelligence / Ranking	High / no rank available	Fairly low / ranked no. 61
Trainability	High	Moderate, response well to gentle and positive approach
Cold / Heat Tolerance	Extremely low / low	Extremely low / high

Behavior

Breed	American Hairless Terrier	Chinese Crested Dog
Excitability	Even temper, however it is game and tenacious when hunting especially towards mice.	Even temper, alert
Playfulness	Moderate	Moderately high
Demand for Affection	Moderately low	Moderately high yet generous in return
Watchdog Barking	Moderately low	Fairly low
Protection	Moderately low nonetheless courageous	Fairly low
Dominance Over Owner	Almost non existence	Almost non existence
Good With Dogs	Extremely well if trainings are given at early age	Extremely well if trainings are given at early age
Good With Pets	Good except for tiny pets, such as genuine pig, hamster, mice	Good except for tiny pets, such as genuine pig, hamster, mice
Good With Children	Extremely well if trainings are given at early age	Extremely well if trainings are given at early age
Good With Strangers	Very sociable if trainings are given at early age	Very sociable if trainings are given at early age
Problematic Areas	problematic free, other than mentioned	almost problematic free, other than mentioned

Health

Breed	American Hairless Terrier	Chinese Crested Dog
Life Span	12 – 16 years	13 – 15 years
Major Aliments	patellar luxation, Legg-perthes	Legg-perthes, dental problems, liver shunts, PRA
Minor Aliments	mange	patellar luxation, deafness
Recommended Food	Poultry, beef, brown rice	Ocean fish, white rice, organic soy products for added protein requirement