

Dachshunds: Smooth-haired vs. Long-haired vs. Wire-haired

Breed	Dachshund Smooth-Haired	Dachshund Long-Haired	Dachshund Wire-Haired
Country of Origin	Germany	Germany	Germany
AKC / KC Groups	Hound / Hound	Hound / Hound	Hound / Hound
Original Function	tracker of badgers, rabbits, wild boar, and foxes	tracker of badgers, rabbits, wild boar, and foxes	tracker of badgers, rabbits, wild boar, and foxes

Physical Appearance

Breed	Dachshund Smooth-Haired	Dachshund Long-Haired	Dachshund Wire-Haired
Coat Type	smooth	long	wire
Head	long and tapering with strong jaw, perceptible stop, and fine slightly arched muzzle	long and tapering with strong jaw, perceptible stop, and fine slightly arched muzzle	long and tapering with strong jaw, perceptible stop, and fine slightly arched muzzle
Eyes	oval, obliquely set	oval, obliquely set	oval, obliquely set
Ears	set high and back, broad and rounded	set high and back, broad and rounded	set high and back, broad and rounded
Body	long back, slight dip at the shoulders and rise over the loin	long back, slight dip at the shoulders and rise over the loin	long back, slight dip at the shoulders and rise over the loin
Tail	set high as continuation of the topline	set high as continuation of the topline	set high as continuation of the topline
Height (miniature)	5 - 6 inches	5 - 6 inches	5 - 6 inches
Height (standard)	8 - 9 inches	8 - 9 inches	8 - 9 inches
Weight (miniature)	under 11 lbs	under 11 lbs	under 11 lbs
Weight (standard)	16 - 32 lbs	16 - 32 lbs	16 - 32 lbs

Temperament & Needs & Learning

Breed	Dachshund Smooth-Haired	Dachshund Long-Haired	Dachshund Wire-Haired
Overall Temperament	bold, lively, curious	lively, playful, vigilant, but slightly more calm, reserved and less terrier-like	brave, dominant, has a mind of its own, more terrier-like, but affectionate, energetic sporty temperament
Exercise	plenty of exercise to keep fit, occasional free roam is good for its hunting instincts	a long walk is good enough	plenty of exercise to keep fit, occasional free roam is good for its hunting instincts
Grooming	very minimum care	minimum care, weekly brushing to prevent matting and occasional clipping of excess hair growth between the pads of the feet	needs to have its coat plucked at least twice a year, hair on the top of the head should be kept short, and trim excess hair between the pads of the feet
Ideal Home Environment	apartment or small home	apartment or small home	apartment or small home
Ideal Owner	patient, firm	patient, firm	patient, firm
Intelligence / Ranking	moderate / no.49	moderate / no.49	moderate / no.49
Trainability	low, very determined to have their way	low, very determined to have their way	low, very determined to have their way

Behavior

Breed	Dachshund Smooth-Haired	Dachshund Long-Haired	Dachshund Wire-Haired
Excitability	moderately high	moderately	moderately high
Playfulness	high	high	high
Demand for Affection	moderate	moderate	moderate
Watchdog Barking	very high	very high	very high
Protection	low	low but higher than smooth-haired	slightly more protection among the three
Dominance Over Owner	moderately low	moderately low	moderately low
Good With Dogs	moderate	moderate	moderate
Good With Pets	moderately low	moderately low	moderately low
Good With Children	moderate, may snap at strange children	moderate, may snap at strange children	moderate, may snap at strange children
Good With Strangers	low acceptance	low acceptance	low acceptance

Health

Breed	Dachshund Smooth-Haired	Dachshund Long-Haired	Dachshund Wire-Haired
Life Span	12 - 14 years	12 - 14 years	12 - 14 years
Major Aliments	intervertebral disk disease	intervertebral disk disease	intervertebral disk disease
Minor Aliments	Kerato-conjunctivitis sicca	kerato-conjunctivitis sicca	kerato-conjunctivitis sicca
Special Notes	prone to obesity, those with double dapple tend to have visual and hearing problems	prone to obesity, those with double dapple tend to have visual and hearing problems	prone to obesity, those with double dapple tend to have visual and hearing problems
Recommended Food	beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, greens	beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, greens	beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, greens