

# Small Dogs Breeds - Height vs. Weight

A compilation of various small dog breeds with their height and weight listed. Of the seven breed groups of dogs assigned by the American Kennel Club (AKC) only six groups, consist of 67 breeds, made it to the small dog breeds\* category.

\* Dogs fall under 17" of height would consider as small- to small-medium-sized dogs, in my opinion. I'm using Boston Terrier's (classified as small dog by AKC & KC) height as my cut off line.

There are a total of:

- Toy Group (21)
- Terrier Group (20)
- Non-Sporting Group (14)
- Hound Group (6)
- Herding Group (4)
- Sporting Group (3)
- Working Group (0)

And with one special category:

- Designer Dogs (24)

Although choosing the right sized dog to match the size of your home is nevertheless important, it would be better for you to put more emphasis base on [personality](#) and [lifestyle match](#). We are more likely to move home at least once than to change our personalities (if ever) during a dog's life span of 12 to 17 years.

For more information on individual small dog breed, you can check out my [small dogs breed category](#) or [America Kennel Club](#) or [The Kennel Club](#).

If you've narrowed down your choice of two small dog breeds with similar appearance and size and uncertain which one to get base on personalities and other traits, you may want to check out my [verse theory category](#). As of now, I have written nine articles on 17 breeds. One of them (America Hairless Terrier) isn't listed here because it is not recognized as a breed by AKC. Do check out the ebooks regularly for new free ebooks.

Additional information on ["What is a breed," "What makes a breed," and "How does a breed become officially recognized"](#) can be found [here](#).

Happy Reading!  
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## The Toy Group

Most toy dogs, if not all, were developed to perform task such as hunting, herding, or guarding. Many of them are miniaturized versions of hunting or working dogs. It's very easy to identify which toy breeds are the mini versions of their large counterparts, you can tell usually either by its name or/and look. For example,

- \* Italian Greyhound, a smaller version of Greyhound
- \* Toy and Miniature Poodles, are smaller versions of the Standard Poodle
- \* Pomeranian, a smaller version of German Spitz Dog

Today toy dogs are mainly bred to be lapdogs and companion dogs rather than "working" dogs. More about dogs of the Toy Group here: <http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-toy-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
Affenpinscher	9.5 — 11.5	S	7 — 9
Bolognese	9 — 12	S	8 — 14
Brussels Griffon	9 — 11	S	8 — 10
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	12 — 13	S	13 — 18
Chihuahua (long & smooth)	6 — 9	S	6 and under
Chinese Crested Dog	11 — 13	S	5 — 12
Coton de Tulèar	8.5 — 12.5	S	8 — 13
English Toy Spaniel	10 — 11	S	8 — 14
Havanese	8.5 — 11.5	S	7 — 13
Italian Greyhound	13 — 15	S	7 — 14
Japanese Chin	8 — 11	S	4 — 7
Maltese	9 — 10	S	4 — 6 or under 7
Toy Manchester Terrier	10 — 12	S	6 — 8 or under 12
Miniature Pinscher	10 — 12.5	S	8 — 10
Papillion	8 — 11	S	4 — 9
Pekingese	6 — 9	S	14 and under
Pomeranian	8 — 11	S	3 — 7, best 4 — 5
Toy Poodle	10	S	4 — 8
Pug	10 — 11	S	14 — 18
Shih Tzu	8 — 11	S	9 — 16
Silky Terrier	9 — 10	S	8 — 11
Toy Fox Terrier	8.5 — 11	S	3.5 — 7
Yorkshire Terrier	8 — 9	S	7 and under

## The Terrier Group

Affectionately known as the terror breed. If there's one word to describe a terrier, that word would be "driven." Terriers are tough, sturdy, courageous, confident, vocal, and very independent. These dogs were first developed to hunt rodents and other small burrowing animals. They have high-prey drive and can be a little overly dog-aggressive.

There are two distinct types of terriers—the bull fighting terriers and the vermin hunter terriers. More about dogs of the Terrier Group here: <http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-terrier-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
American Hairless Terrier (miniature)	11.5 — 16	M	8.5 — 16
American Hairless Terrier (toy)	7.5 — 11	S	4 — 8
Australia Terrier	10 — 11	S	12 — 14
Bedlington Terrier	15.5 — 16.5	M	17 — 23
Border Terrier	10 — 11	S	11.5 — 15.5
Cairn Terrier	9.5 — 10	S	13 — 14
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	8 — 11	M	18 — 24
Fox Terrier (smooth & wire)	15.5	M	15 — 19
Glen of Imaal Terrier	12.5 — 14	M	35 and under
Lakeland Terrier	13.5 — 14.5	M	17 and under
Manchester Terrier	15 — 16	M	12 — 22
Miniature Bull Terrier	10 — 14	M	25 — 33
Miniature Schnauzer	12 — 14	S	13 — 15
Norfolk Terrier	9 — 10	S	11 — 12
Norwich Terrier	10	S	12
Parson Russell Terrier	12 — 14	M	13 — 17
Scottish Terrier	10	M	18 — 22
Sealyham Terrier	10.5	M	18 — 24
Skye Terrier	10 — 11	M	25 — 40
Welsh Terrier	15 — 15.5	M	20
West Highland White Terrier	10 — 11	S	15 — 21

## The Non-Sporting Group

The non-sporting group (also known as the Utility Breeds in UK) includes a diverse breeds that could easily fit into many groups which making it impossible to generalize their personalities, behaviors, attitude, energy level, and training and exercise requirement.

Also, their sizes and body shape range from a 11-inch 10-pound Bichon Frisé to a 22-inch 65-pound Dalmatian. So what we have in this diverse group of dogs consist of small dogs, big dogs, hound dogs, hunting dogs, spitzs and even terriers. In another words, these non-sporting dogs evolved basically as a kind of catchall group for breeds that have outlived their original purpose. More about dogs of the non-sporting group here: <http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-non-sporting-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
American Eskimo Dog (toy)	9 — 12	S	no standard available
American Eskimo Dog (miniature)	12 — 15	M	no standard available
Bichon Frisé	9.5 — 11.5	S	10 — 16
Boston Terrier	15 — 17	S	10 — 25
Bulldog	12 — 15	M	40 — 50
French Bulldog	11 — 13	S	28 and under
Japanese Spitz	12.5 — 14.5	M	11 — 22
Lhasa Apso	10 — 11	S	13 — 15
Löwchen	12 — 14	S	8 — 18
Mexican Hairless (toy)	10 — 13	S	12
Poodle (miniature)	10 — 15	M	12 — 18
Schipperke	10 — 13	S	10 — 16
Shiba Inu	13.5 — 16.5	M	17 — 23
Tibetan Spaniel	10	M	9 — 15
Tibetan Terrier	15 — 16	M	18 — 30

## The Hound Group

The Hound Group or hound dogs love to chase fast-moving objects, which makes them the number one choice for a hunting companion. They were originally bred to hunt down prey that human and their horses, bows and arrows couldn't reach in open country. Some of these dogs hunted in a pack, some hunted alone.

There are three groups of dogs that fall under the hound group—scenthounds, sighthounds, and large-game hounds. More about dogs of the hound group here: <http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-hound-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
Basenji	16 — 17	M	22 — 24
Basset Hound	14	M	40 — 60
Beagle	13 — 15	M	18 — 30
Dachshund (miniature)	5 — 6	S	11 and under
Dachshund (standard)	8 — 9	M	16 — 32
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen	13 — 15	M	25 — 35

## The Herding Group

As the name implies, these herding dogs excel at controlling the movements of other animals. They are intelligent, hard-working dogs which were originally bred to herd cattle, sheep, and other domestic animals under the supervision of a shepherd. Many of these dogs are still used for their utility in their native countries. There are two types of dogs that fall under this herding category—cattle and sheep herding dogs and sheep herders.

More about dogs of the herding group here: <http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-herding-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
Shetland Sheepdog	13 — 16	M	20
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	10.5 — 12.5	M	25 — 38
Pembroke Welsh Corgi	10 — 12	M	25 — 27
Puli	16 — 17	M	25 — 35

## The Sporting Group

Base on popularity alone, Sporting dogs (especially Golden Retriever and Labrador Retriever) are the perfect typical dogs for young families. By and large, sporting dogs are friendly, loyal, gentle, active, and have energetic personalities. Except for older adults, none is sedentary and few\* will fit well into apartment life.

They enjoy spending time with their family members. In addition, if you are an active person who loves the outdoors and enjoys a good run on the beach, you will find sporting dogs make an excellent outdoor companion.

Sporting dogs were originally bred to aid man in hunting and gathering wild birds, on land and in water. There are four types of dogs in the sporting group: The Pointers, The Retrievers, The Setters, and The Spaniels. More about dog of the sporting group here:

<http://www.smalldogsparadise.com/small-dog-breeds/the-sporting-dogs/>

Breed	Height in Inches	Size	Weight in Pounds
Cocker Spaniel	13.5 — 15.5	M	24 — 28
English Cocker Spaniel	15 — 17	M	26 — 34
Sussex Spaniel	13 — 15	M	35 — 45

## The Designer Dog

Call it crossbred or hybrid vigor or designer dog, either one you're right. But they certainly are no mutts—not categorizing them to the lowest rank in a canine world. Dogs are dogs, they are here to give us unconditional love (and among many other things) in exchange for food and shelter.

The difference is that designer dogs are deliberately bred using purebred of two different breeds. The goal of many crossbred dog breeders is to produce “good-temperament,” “healthier”—fewer genetic problems, “allergy-free,” and less to non sledging dogs. Briefly and bluntly, is to supply demand of potential owners wanting “all-in-one” dog.

Not going in length about the intentions behind these breeders as I'm here to provide the basic information of these dogs. If you feel that a designer dog would best fulfill your lifestyle or personality or family or whatever criteria, please do your research very thoroughly as these designer dogs carry a hefty price tag. Just like some unscrupulous purebred breeders or so-called breeders (backyard or puppy mill) who breed mainly for profit with no concern about bettering the breed's health and temperament, some crossbred breeders aren't any different either.

Breed	Height	Weight
Bagel	10 — 15	20 — 50
Beagalier	15	22
Boglen Terrier	13 — 17	15 — 30
Cavachon	11 — 17	12 — 20
Chihchon	6 — 12	4 — 15
Chiweenie	5 — 9	12 — 20
Chug	6 — 18	3 — 15
Cockalier	12 — 15.5	13 — 28
Cockapoo (miniature)	10 — 15	10 — 20
Cockapoo (toy)	10	5 — 10
Cockapoo (teacup)	6 — 10	2 — 4
Dorgi	10 — 15	20 — 40
Faux Frenchbo Bulldog	11 — 17	15 — 28
Labradoodle (miniature)	13 — 17	22 — 44
Lhasa Poo	9 — 13	12 — 16
Mal-Shi	8 — 14	6 — 15
Maltepoo	7 — 15	4 — 17
Pekapoo	6 — 11	4 — 20
Poochon	10 — 15	12 — 16
Puggle	13 — 15	18 — 30
Puggle (toy)	10 — 13	8 — 17
Schnoodle (miniature)	10 — 15	11 — 18
Schnoodle (toy)	10	5 — 10
Shihchon	8 — 11	9 — 16
Shih-Poo	8 — 11	10 — 15
Taco Terrier	6 — 11	2 — 7
Wapoo	5 — 15	3 — 20
Yorkipoo	7 — 15	4 — 14

## Additional Information on Designer Dogs

Breed	Cross With	Group	
Bagel	Basset Hound x Beagle	Hound	Hound
Beaglier	Beagle x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Hound	Toy
Boglen Terrier	Beagle x Boston Terrier	Hound	Non-Sporting
Cavachon	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Bichon Frisé	Toy	Non-Sporting
Chihchon	Chihuahua x Bichon Frisé	Toy	Non-Sporting
Chiweenie	Chihuahua x Dachshund	Toy	Hound
Chug	Chihuahua x Pug	Toy	Toy
Cockalier	Cocker Spaniel x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Sporting	Toy
Cockapoo (miniature)	Cocker Spaniel x Miniature Poodle	Sporting	Non-Sporting
Cockapoo (toy)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	Sporting	Toy
Cockapoo (teacup)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	Sporting	Toy
Dorgi	Dachshund x Pembroke Welsh Corgis	Hound	Herding
Faux Frenchbo Bulldog	Boston Terrier x French Bulldog	Non-Sporting	Non-Sporting
Labradoodle (miniature)	Labrador Retriever x Miniature Poodle	Sporting	Non-Sporting
Lhasa Poo	Lhasa Apso x Poodle	Non-Sporting	Toy/NonSporting
Mal-Shi	Maltese x Shih Tzu	Toy	Toy
Maltepoo	Maltese x Poodle	Toy	Toy/NonSporting
Pekapoo	Pekingese x Poodle	Toy	Toy/NonSporting
Poochon	Poodle x Bichon Frisé	Toy/NonSporting	Non-Sporting
Puggle	Pug x Beagle	Toy	Hound
Puggle (toy)	Pug x Beagle	Toy	Hound
Schnoodle (miniature)	Miniature Schnauzer x Miniature Poodle	Terrier	Non-Sporting
Schnoodle (toy)	Miniature Schnauzer x Toy Poodle	Terrier	Toy
Shihchon	Shih Tzu x Bichon Frisé	Toy	Non-Sporting
Shih-Poo	Shih Tzu x Poodle	Toy	Toy/NonSporting
Taco Terrier	Chihuahua x Toy Fox Terrier	Toy	Toy
Wapoo	Chihuahua x Poodle	Toy	Toy/NonSporting
Yorkipoo	Yorkshire Terrier x Poodle	Toy	Toy/NonSporting