

# Small Dog Breeds Of Various Height

## Frequent Asked Questions

### (1) How do I measure my dog's height?



Place your dog on a flat surface on standing position. His front legs must be perpendicular to the ground and his hind legs at a slight angle behind his rear. Do not overextend the hind legs as this will cause the front legs to bend and the back to dip.

Use a measuring tape or a long ruler and measure from the base of his paw up to the shoulder (the red line in the picture). It is best to align your measure tape perpendicular to the ground if you want to get to the nearest fraction of an inch or centimeter.

### (2) Why do you have medium-sized dogs (classified by AKC) in your small dog breeds chart?

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

There are five categories with a total of 91 breeds:

- (1) Dogs under 10 inches – 12 breeds
- (2) Dogs between 8 to 11 inches – 21 breeds
- (3) Dogs between 10 to 15 inches – 16 breeds
- (4) Dogs between 12 to 17 inches – 19 breeds
- (5) Designer dogs between 5 to 17 inches – 24 breeds

### (3) Are these small dog breeds suitable living in an apartment?

Generally, yes! Due to their size, many can get their exercise requirements met indoors. However, this doesn't take out the fact that they can be exempted from outdoor activities such as walk and socialization.

### (4) I notice you've included designer dogs in your list?

Yes, I've listed 24 popular designer dogs in their own category instead of mixing them with the purebreds. That's because designer dogs' height is a hard one to crack. It would take many generations of selected breeding to get a truly standardize height. To my understanding, we haven't arrived yet!

Their height can have a wide range within a breed. Take for example Maltipoo (Maltese and Poodle), the breeder may use a Maltese (9"-10") with Miniature Poodle (10"-15") or Maltese (9"-10") with Toy Poodle (10"). For the latter, we can be certain that the progenies would be around 9 to 10 inches of height. And as with the Miniature Poodle, their height could be between 9 to 15 inches—six inches apart—that's quite a difference within a breed!

Unless specified by the breeders or association, if any, (e.g. Toy Maltipoo or Miniature Maltipoo), it would be hard to state their height with "absolute" certainty.

Happy Reading!  
Renée Alexandra

### (1) Dogs under 10 inches – 12 breeds

Breed	Height in Inches	Size
Dachshund (miniature)	5 – 6	S
Chihuahua	6 – 9	S
Pekingese	6 – 9	S
Dachshund (standard)	8 – 9	M
Yorkshire Terrier	8 – 9	S
Maltese	9 – 10	S
Norfolk Terrier	9 – 10	S
Silky Terrier	9 – 10	S
Cairn Terrier	9.5 – 10	S
Norwich Terrier	10	S
Scottish Terrier	10	M
Tibetan Spaniel	10	M
Toy Poodle	10	S

### (2) Dogs between 8 to 11 inches – 21 breeds

Breed	Height in Inches	Size
American Hairless Terrier (toy)	7.5 – 11	S
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	8 – 11	M
Japanese Chin	8 – 11	S
Papillion	8 – 11	S
Pomeranian	8 – 11	S
Shih Tzu	8 – 11	S
Toy Fox Terrier	8.5 – 11	S
Havanese	8.5 – 11.5	S
Coton de Tulèar	8.5 – 12.5	S
Brussels Griffon	9 – 11	S
American Eskimo Dog (toy)	9 – 12	S
Bolognese	9 – 12	S
Affenpinscher	9.5 – 11.5	S
Bichon Frisé	9.5 – 11.5	S
Australia Terrier	10 – 11	S
Border Terrier	10 – 11	S
English Toy Spaniel	10 – 11	S
Lhasa Apso	10 – 11	S
Pug	10 – 11	S
Skye Terrier	10 – 11	M
West Highland White Terrier	10 – 11	S

### (3) Dogs between 10 to 15 inches – 16 Breeds

Breed	Height in Inches	Size
Pembroke Welsh Corgi	10 – 12	M
Toy Manchester Terrier	10 – 12	S
Miniature Pinscher	10 – 12.5	S
Mexican Hairless (toy)	10 – 13	S
Schipperke	10 – 13	S
Miniature Bull Terrier	10 – 14	M
Sealyham Terrier	10.5	M
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	10.5 – 12.5	M
Chinese Crested Dog	11 – 13	S
French Bulldog	11 – 13	S
American Hairless Terrier (miniature)	11.5 – 16	M
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	12 – 13	S
Löwchen	12 – 14	S
Miniature Schnauzer	12 – 14	S
Parson Russell Terrier	12 – 14	M
Glen of Imaal Terrier	12.5 – 14	M
Basset Hound	14	M
Poodle (miniature)	10 – 15	M

### (4) Dogs between 12 to 17 inches – 19 Breeds

Breed	Height in Inches	Size
American Eskimo Dog (miniature)	12 – 15	M
Bulldog	12 – 15	M
Japanese Spitz	12.5 – 14.5	M
Beagle	13 – 15	M
Italian Greyhound	13 – 15	S
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	13 – 15	M
Sussex Spaniel	13 – 15	M
Shetland Sheepdog	13 – 16	M
Lakeland Terrier	13.5 – 14.5	M
Cocker Spaniel	13.5 – 15.5	M
Shiba Inu	13.5 – 16.5	M
Welsh Terrier	15 – 15.5	M
Manchester Terrier	15 – 16	M
Tibetan Terrier	15 – 16	M
Boston Terrier	15 – 17	S
English Cocker Spaniel	15 – 17	M
Fox Terrier (smooth & wire)	15.5	M
Bedlington Terrier	15.5 – 16.5	M
Basenji	16 – 17	M

**(5) Designer dogs between 5 to 17 inches – 24 breeds**

Breed	Cross With	Height in Inches
Chiweenie	Chihuahua x Dachshund	5 – 9
Wapoo	Chihuahua x Poodle	5 – 15
Cockapoo (teacup)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	6 – 10
Pekapoo	Pekingese x Poodle	6 – 11
Taco Terrier	Chihuahua x Toy Fox Terrier	6 – 11
Chihchon	Chihuahua x Bichon Frisé	6 – 12
Chug	Chihuahua x Pug	6 – 18
Malteepoo	Maltese x Poodle	7 – 15
Yorkipoo	Yorkshire Terrier x Poodle	7 – 15
Shihchon	Shih Tzu x Bichon Frisé	8 – 11
Shih-Poo	Shih Tzu x Poodle	8 – 11
Mal-Shi	Maltese x Shih Tzu	8 – 14
Lhasa Poo	Lhasa Apso x Poodle	9 – 13
Cockapoo (toy)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	10
Schnoodle (toy)	Miniature Schnauzer x Toy Poodle	10
Puggle (toy)	Pug x Beagle	10 – 13
Bagel	Basset Hound x Beagle	10 – 15
Cockapoo (miniature)	Cocker Spaniel x Miniature Poodle	10 – 15
Dorgi	Dachshund x Pembroke Welsh Corgis	10 – 15
Poochon	Poodle x Bichon Frisé	10 – 15
Schnoodle (miniature)	Miniature Schnauzer x Miniature Poodle	10 – 15
Cavachon	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Bichon Frisé	11 – 17
Faux Frenchbo Bulldog	Boston Terrier x French Bulldog	11 – 17
Cockalier	Cocker Spaniel x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	12 – 15.5
Puggle	Pug x Beagle	13 – 15
Boglen Terrier	Beagle x Boston Terrier	13 – 17
Labradoodle (miniature)	Labrador Retriever x Miniature Poodle	13 – 17
Beaglier	Beagle x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	15

I didn't include the dog's size for two reasons:

1. Since AKC or KC don't include them in their registry, there's none to list.
2. As aforementioned on their wide range in height within a breed (e.g. Chug), it's difficult to classify them in specified size.