

Small Dog Breeds Of Various Weight

Frequent Asked Questions

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

There are a number of ways to take your dog's weight, the easiest is to use a bathroom scale since most of us have one at home for our personal use.

1. Carry your dog with both arms and step on the scale.
2. Record the weight.
3. Step back onto the scale without the dog and record the weight.
4. Subtract the first weight (with the dog) from your second recorded weight.

If you have problem carrying your dog (especially Bulldog or Basset Hound) in your arms, another way to weigh them is place his chest/tummy area behind your neck. You may have to tilt your head downward so that your dog can safely rest on your neck. Use your hands to secure his shoulders and hind legs always. This is the proper technique to carry big dogs.

However, I much prefer carrying "heavy" dogs like any mom would carry a toddler in her arms either on her side or chest to chest.

For puppies or teacup dogs, I use kitchen scale.

(2) Why do you have a 60-pounds dog (Basset Hound) categorized under small dog breeds chart?

The same theory as the small dog breed height chart, dogs fall under 17 inches of height would consider as small to small-medium dogs, in my opinion. Basset Hound is only 14 inches tall. I'm using Boston Terrier's (AKC & KC classified it as small dog) height as my cut off line.

There are six categories with a total of 91 breeds:

- (1) Dogs under 10 pounds – 12 breeds
- (2) Dogs between 10 to 20 pounds – 31 breeds
- (3) Dogs between 20 to 30 pounds – 14 breeds
- (4) Dogs between 30 to 40 pounds – 7 breeds
- (5) Dogs between 40 to 60 pounds – 4 breeds
- (6) Designer dogs between 2 to 44 pounds – 24 breeds

Boston Terriers come in 3 sizes:

1. Lightweight: 10 – 15 lbs
2. Middleweight: 15 – 20 lbs
3. Heavyweight: 20 – 25 lbs

(3) Is it cheaper to feed small dog than their larger counterparts?

In terms of quantity, yes it is cheaper to feed smaller dogs as they have small stomachs. This is not to say we can splurge on giving them frequent small meals/treats more than their required amount. As a matter of fact, dogs that are obese or have weight issue problems are usually small- to medium-sized dogs. Owners often equate their size to the amount of exercise needed, for example, the smaller they are the fewer exercises they need. Sadly, this isn't the case.

Regardless of their size, all dogs should be fed with the highest quality food that you can afford.

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

Yes, I've listed the most popular designer breeds by requests.

Depending on the breeder's breeding preferences, not all designer dog breed have a "predictable" weight even though they are from the first generation (each dog has 50% of its DNA from each of the parent breeds).

There are many combinations when it comes to breeding for size:

1. Some breeders keep the smallest pup in the litter for future breeding with another smallest pup of another breed. It's a similar concept to breeding purebred teacups where breeders breed tiny pup with another tiny pup from different sire and dam or inbreeding—may resulted in serious health issues.

In the table below is one example, we've one Malkie with 4 different weighs with slight variations.

	Maltese (5lbs)	Maltese (3lbs-teacup)
Yorkshire Terrier (7lbs)	Malkie (5-7)	Malkie (3-7)
Yorkshire Terrier (4lbs-teacup)	Malkie (4-5)	Malkie (3-4)

2. Things can get more complicated when use two different sizes of two different breeds. In the table below, we've a Doodle that can come in 4 different weights with great variations. This is one reason why you'll see some designer dogs listed here (e.g. Wapoo: 3 – 20 lbs) come in a wide range.

	Toy Poodle (6lbs)	Miniature Poodle (15lbs)
Miniature Dachshund (11lbs)	Doodle (6-11)	Doodle (11-15)
Standard Dachshund (24lbs)	Doodle (6-24)	Doodle (15-24)

Note: Both of the above hypotheses, I'm assuming that these purebreds have had many generations of very little weight variation in their DNA.

Unless specified by the crossbreed breeders or association, if any, it would be hard to state their weight with "absolute" certainty.

If you are very serious about buying a designer dog, please do your research thoroughly. Don't be afraid to ask the breeder many questions.

Happy Reading!
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(1) Dogs under 10 pounds – 12 breeds

Breed	Weight in Pounds	Size
Pomeranian	3 – 7, best 4 – 5	S
Toy Fox Terrier	3.5 – 7	S
Maltese	4 – 6 or under 7	S
Japanese Chin	4 – 7	S
American Hairless Terrier (toy)	4 – 8	S
Toy Poodle	4 – 8	S
Papillion	4 – 9	S
Chihuahua (long & smooth)	6 and under	S
Yorkshire Terrier	7 and under	S
Affenpinscher	7 – 9	S
Brussels Griffon	8 – 10	S
Miniature Pinscher	8 – 10	S

(2) Dogs between 10 to 20 pounds – 31 breeds

Breed	Weight in Pounds	Size
Chinese Crested Dog	5 – 12	S
Toy Manchester Terrier	6 – 8 or under 12	S
Havanese	7 – 13	S
Italian Greyhound	7 – 14	S
Silky Terrier	8 – 11	S
Coton de Tulèar	8 – 13	S
Bolognese	8 – 14	S
English Toy Spaniel	8 – 14	S
Löwchen	8 – 18	S
American Hairless Terrier (miniature)	8.5 – 16	M
Tibetan Spaniel	9 – 15	M
Shih Tzu	9 – 16	S
Bichon Frisé	10 – 16	S
Schipperke	10 – 16	S
Boston Terrier	10 – 25	S
Dachshund (miniature)	11 and under	S
Norfolk Terrier	11 – 12	S
Japanese Spitz	11 – 22	M
Border Terrier	11.5 – 15.5	S
Mexican Hairless (toy)	12	S
Norwich Terrier	12	S
Australia Terrier	12 – 14	S
Poodle (miniature)	12 – 18	M
Cairn Terrier	13 – 14	S
Lhasa Apso	13 – 15	S
Miniature Schnauzer	13 – 15	S
Parson Russell Terrier	13 – 17	M
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	13 – 18	S
Pekingese	14 and under	S
Pug	14 – 18	S
Fox Terrier (smooth & wire)	15 – 19	M
Lakeland Terrier	17 and under	M
Welsh Terrier	20	M

(3) Dogs between 20 to 30 pounds – 14 breeds

Breed	Weight in Pounds	Size
Manchester Terrier	12 – 22	M
West Highland White Terrier	15 – 21	S
Bedlington Terrier	17 – 23	M
Shiba Inu	17 – 23	M
Scottish Terrier	18 – 22	M
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	18 – 24	M
Sealyham Terrier	18 – 24	M
Beagle	18 – 30	M
Tibetan Terrier	18 – 30	M
Shetland Sheepdog	20	M
Basenji	22 – 24	M
Cocker Spaniel	24 – 28	M
Pembroke Welsh Corgi	25 – 27	M
French Bulldog	28 and under	S

(4) Dogs between 30 to 40 pounds – 7 breeds

Breed	Weight in Pounds	Size
Dachshund (standard)	16 – 32	M
Miniature Bull Terrier	25 – 33	M
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	25 – 35	M
Puli	25 – 35	M
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	25 – 38	M
Skye Terrier	25 – 40	M
English Cocker Spaniel	26 – 34	M
Glen of Imaal Terrier	35 and under	M

(5) Dogs between 20 to 60 pounds – 4 breeds

Breed	Weight in Pounds	Size
American Eskimo Dog (toy)	no standard available	S
American Eskimo Dog (miniature)	no standard available	M
Sussex Spaniel	35 – 45	M
Bulldog	40 – 50	M
Basset Hound	40 – 60	M

(5) Designer dogs between 2 to 44 pounds – 24 breeds

Breed	Cross With	Height in Inches
Cockapoo (teacup)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	2 – 4
Taco Terrier	Chihuahua x Toy Fox Terrier	2 – 7
Chug	Chihuahua x Pug	3 – 15
Wapoo	Chihuahua x Poodle	3 – 20
Yorkipoo	Yorkshire Terrier x Poodle	4 – 14
Chihchon	Chihuahua x Bichon Frise	4 – 15
Maltepool	Maltese x Poodle	4 – 17
Pekapoo	Pekingese x Poodle	4 – 20
Cockapoo (toy)	Cocker Spaniel x Toy Poodle	5 – 10
Schnoodle (toy)	Miniature Schnauzer x Toy Poodle	5 – 10
Mal-Shi	Maltese x Shih Tzu	6 – 15
Puggle (toy)	Pug x Beagle	8 – 17
Shihchon	Shih Tzu x Bichon Frise	9 – 16
Shih-Poo	Shih Tzu x Poodle	10 – 15
Cockapoo (miniature)	Cocker Spaniel x Miniature Poodle	10 – 20
Schnoodle (miniature)	Miniature Schnauzer x Miniature Poodle	11 – 18
Lhasa Poo	Lhasa Apso x Poodle	12 – 16
Poochon	Poodle x Bichon Frisé	12 – 16
Cavachon	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Bichon Frisé	12 – 20
Chiweenie	Chihuahua x Dachshund	12 – 20
Cockalier	Cocker Spaniel x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	13 – 28
Faux Frenchbo Bulldog	Boston Terrier x French Bulldog	15 – 28
Boglen Terrier	Beagle x Boston Terrier	15 – 30
Puggle	Pug x Beagle	18 – 30
Dorgi	Dachshund x Pembroke Welsh Corgis	20 – 40
Bagel	Basset Hound x Beagle	20 – 50
Beagalier	Beagle x Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	22
Labradoodle (miniature)	Labrador Retriever x Miniature Poodle	22 – 44

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. Due to wide range in weight within a breed (e.g. Pekepoo), it's difficult to classify them in specified size.