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Dog Adoption – Chihuahua Traits – Chihuahua Adoption

The Chihuahua may be the smallest dog breed in the world, but many Chihuahua have a big dog attitude. Although classified as a Toy Breed Chihuahua's have certain terrier-like temperament characteristics. They also can make excellent pets. If you are thinking about Chihuahua adoption, you should do your research to understand Chihuahua traits.

- **Chihuahuas do well in small spaces** – Chihuahuas do not like the cold and should not be kept outdoors. If you live in an apartment or a condo, consider Chihuahua adoption because they are companion dogs that do well in small spaces, where they can get their daily exercise dashing from room to room.
- **Chihuahuas and other dogs** – Chihuahuas may get along with other household pets, but prefer the company of other Chihuahuas. An important Chihuahua trait to be aware of is that they are courageous and know how to defend themselves around somewhat bigger dogs. If you are considering Chihuahua adoption, close supervision around other dogs may be required because these little dogs can be very bold around larger dogs.
- **Active Chihuahuas** – When considering Chihuahua adoption, keep in mind that they are playful and extremely lively, often moving very quickly. Because they are delicate little dogs, they can be easily injured.
- **Chihuahuas as watch dogs** – A popular Chihuahua trait is that they are loyal to their family, but generally reserved with strangers. This small breed can be very protective of their families and make good watchdogs.
- **Chihuahuas and children** – Although Chihuahuas are affectionate with their people, they do not always like children. If you are thinking about Chihuahua adoption be aware that the breed in general can be nippy and do best with calm, mature older children or in adults-only households. A very common Chihuahua trait is they can be high-strung and nervous.
- **Chihuahuas and exercise** – Although they don't need a lot of exercise, Chihuahuas do enjoy exploring in the yard or going for a walk on a leash. If you're considering adopting a Chihuahua, do be aware that long outings may be over-tiring to their little legs and lungs. A small tote, sherpa bag or easy to handle carrier may make it easier to take your Chihuahua along.



Information sources: [ASPCA Complete Guide to Dogs](#) by Sheldon L. Gerstenfeld, DVM; [Barron's Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) (Second Edition) by D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D; [Dogs for Kids: Everything You Need to Know About Dogs](#) by Kristin Mehus-Roe; [The Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds](#) by Juliette Cunliffe and [The Illustrated Directory of Dogs](#) by Juliette Cunliffe.

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