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Things you should know before getting a Dutch Partridge Dog

Coat

The coat of the Dutch Partridge Dog is half-long. He is moulting twice a year. This might involve some inconvenience. If its coat is wet and dirty just let it dry and the dirt will fall off. Sometimes brushing will help. Under normal circumstances, washing (bathing) is not necessary. Often a dog will roll in 'filth'. The theoretical explanation tells they do to hide their own scent. For this purpose they carefully select faeces (of other animals) and carrion.

Affectionate

The Dutch Partridge Dog is an affectionate dog and wants to be with you most of all. During walks he will keep his eye on you, after all you are his master (and decide what he can and cannot do). In your home, he is most comfortable when he is close to you. He will follow you wherever you lead lies down at your feet or next to you on the sofa (if he is allowed to).

Attention

You will see that the Dutch Partridge Dog needs a lot of attention. Playing, training and hunting together are things you will not be able to

do if you have a full-time job. If you cannot give him the attention he needs, disobedience and misbehaviour can be the (a) result.

Stubborn

Sometimes the Dutch Partridge Dog will trick you and do things you will not expect. Look at it with humour and it will make all things a bit easier.

A family dog

The Dutch Partridge Dog likes children and likes to play with them. Only, not every child understands the dog. They don't speak the same language. We should teach children how to deal with the dog. The child, not the dog, will decide when the game is over. The child is supposed to be higher in rank, and should stay that way. Make it a pleasure for the dog to meet children during his daily walks so it can happen that all his attention is focused on playing (with other dogs / children) and not on you.

Health and healthcare

Every day a couple of long walks will keep you and your dog's condition and health up to the

mark. Even when your dog gets older it will do him good. Contact with your pet will give you some peace in life and can even help you to lower your blood pressure!

A nose for game

Because of his good nose for game he will know where to find it. In addition, a dummy will not be a problem. However, what to do when it chases a rabbit? It is possible your commands will be ignored. Do not punish your dog when he comes back, that is too late. Keep in mind the Dutch Partridge Dog has a passion for hunting and learn how to deal with that. Sometimes the temptation will be too big, still, teach him the importance of coming on command, and reward him when he does.

Exercise

The Dutch Partridge Dog is a hound and needs regular exercise, also when the weather is bad. A walk in the woods or a run in an open field is a pleasure for your dog (it's what he likes to do best). Sometimes this might mean a ride by car to get there.