

# FREE POMERANIAN BUYER'S GUIDE

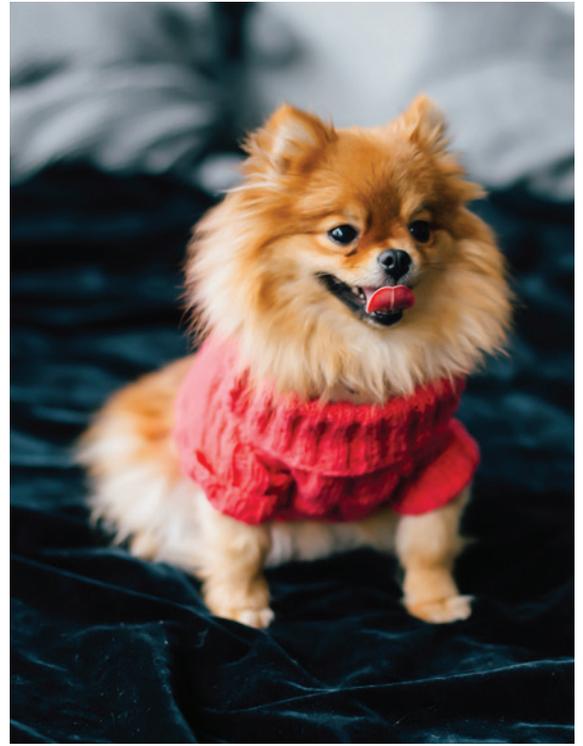
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Adopting a dog is one of the most exciting events in your life. With so many different breeds to choose from, deciding which pooch is best suited to being your pet can be slightly overwhelming! But don't be discouraged – we have created these guides to help you decipher which breed is going to be your best fit.

Depending on what you are looking for, there is a breed that will be good for your lifestyle and needs. Certain breeds are more active than others; some could even be your new couch potato partner! Dogs also vary in the environment in which they can thrive, as well as the humans with whom they will live most happily. This is why it is important to read up on different breeds – so that you and your pet are both as happy as possible. Continue reading to see if the Pomeranian is the breed for you.



## POMERANIAN CHARACTERISTICS

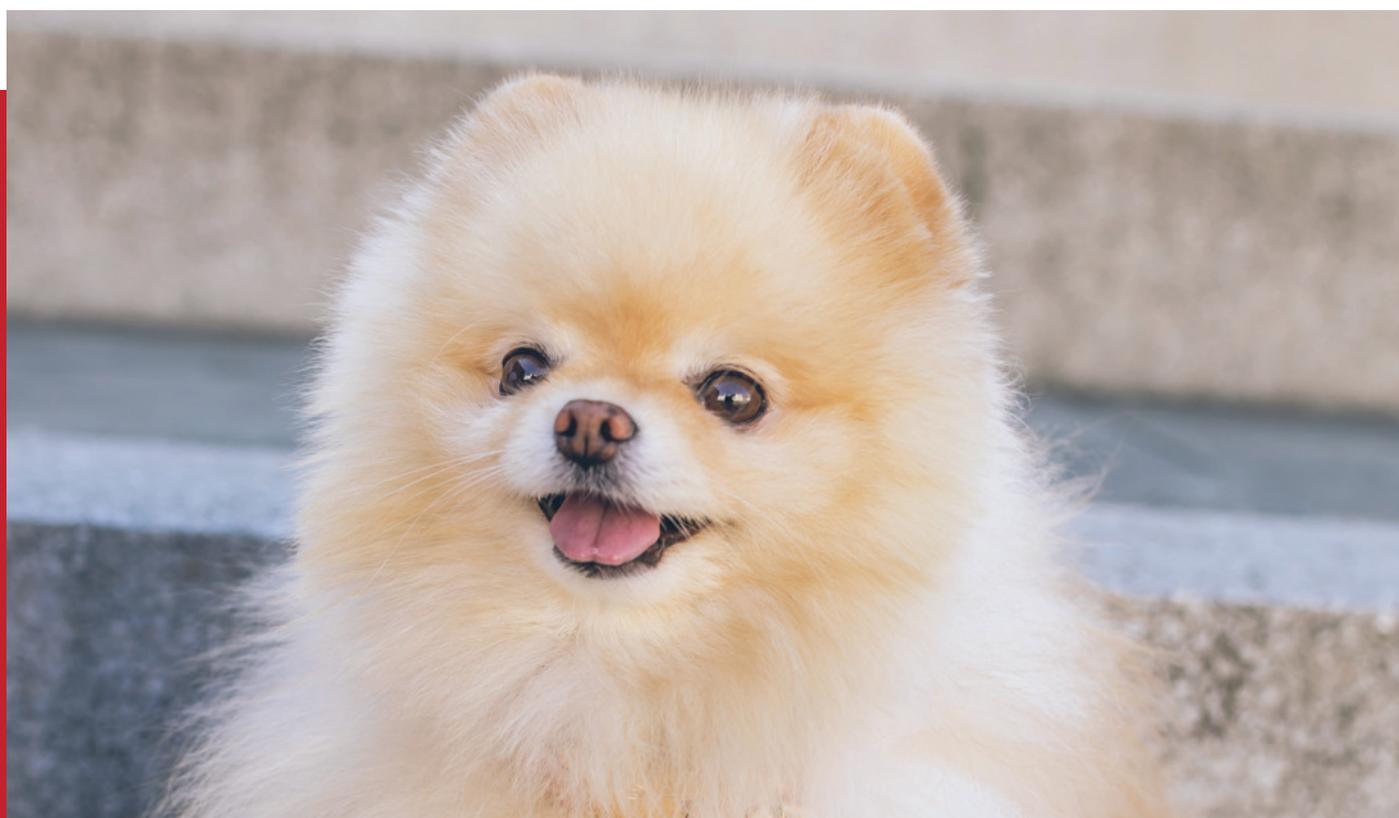
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| <b>Life Span:</b> 12 -16 Years  | <b>Grooming:</b> Intense         | <b>Child Friendly:</b><br>No      | <b>Tendency to Bark:</b><br>High      |
| <b>Health Issue:</b><br>Average | <b>Shedding Level:</b><br>High   | <b>Apartment Friendly:</b><br>Yes | <b>Tendency to Snore:</b><br>Moderate |
| <b>Energy Level:</b><br>Average | <b>Adaptability:</b><br>Medium   | <b>Pet Friendly:</b> Yes          | <b>Tendency to Drool:</b><br>Low      |
| <b>Excercise Needs:</b><br>Low  | <b>Social Needs:</b><br>Moderate | <b>Affection Level:</b> High      | <b>Trainability:</b><br>Moderate      |

## POMERANIAN ORIGIN

As unbelievable as it sounds, the Pomeranian (or Toy Pom) descends from large working sled dogs from the Arctic. The Pom is essentially a mini version of the German Spitz, which originated (unsurprisingly, considering its name) in Germany. This breed only became recognised in England around the eighteenth century, after its beauty and grace caught the attention of English royalty.

The Pomeranian is said to have been bred down to reach the tiny stature it has today. The Toy Pom is the smallest of the Spitz breed. Its popularity was elevated by Queen Victoria of England, who brought the adorable Toy Pom to the public eye and helped breed them in the UK.

Unfortunately, humans could not get enough of the Pomeranian becoming smaller and smaller. This did include instances of inbreeding – which is not only unethical, but dangerous. This led to the development of some Pomeranians having “apple heads”, eyes that popped out (to an unhealthy degree), feebleness and a scrawny appearance. This still occurs in modern-day breeding, and that is why it is so important to adopt or buy a Toy Pom that has been bred with care.



## POMERANIAN PERSONALITY

Pomeranians are spritely pups who love their owners more than anything in the world! Some Toy Pom owners have even noted that their pup tends to attach to one person. This does give Poms a bit of a bad rap, as they can come across as stand-offish or unfriendly. But due to their size, it does make sense that they would attach to one owner since they often go everywhere with that person.

Overall, Poms are lively and energetic and should be friendly if they are socialised suitably. Pomeranians can be strong-willed, so it is important to establish boundaries while they are young. One of the more comical personality traits of the Pom is their inability to recognise just how small they are. Pomeranians can often get very mouthy with other dogs, even ones who are seven times bigger than they are.

Some key personality traits to take note of for this breed:

- ✔ Playful
- ✔ Intelligent
- ✔ Sociable
- ✔ Extroverted
- ✔ Active
- ✔ Friendly
- ✔ Bold (yes, we're talking about Poms barking at Dobermans)



## POMERANIAN APPEARANCE

The Pomeranian is celebrated for its appearance. Their fuzzy, long, soft hair makes them look like a walking cloud! The cuteness of the Pom is compounded by their small and elegant facial features, which are framed with a halo of fluff. The Toy Pom has perky triangular ears that can sometimes be imperceptible while the dog waits to grow into its luxurious coat.

The Pomeranian coat variations come in 24 colours, with the main colours being:

- ✔ Black
- ✔ Golden
- ✔ Liver
- ✔ Red
- ✔ White
- ✔ Orange
- ✔ Lemon
- ✔ Blue
- ✔ Chocolate
- ✔ Tan

Additionally, there are variations like red and white, or blue and black. The appearance of the dog's coat also depends on how often your Pomeranian is groomed and, of course, its diet and family history.



## ADOPTING A POMERANIAN

If you are looking for Pomeranians for sale, you should consider the following:

- ✔ Work with a breeder who has ample experience and happy previous customers.
- ✔ Check the history of the breeder to ensure that their puppy litters are infrequent; this should point to ethical breeding.
- ✔ The breeder should have extensive knowledge of your pup and be concerned about their future family and home.
- ✔ A good breeder should invite you to meet the puppy's parents (if possible), so that you can get a feel for the pup's temperament and appearance.

We have sourced a website with a few different [Pom breeders](#) in Australia for your convenience. You can use this [breeder guide](#) while looking for a reliable breeder.

You may be interested in adopting a Pom rather than buying from a breeder. Luckily, there are a few different rescue organisations that help give Pomeranians a second chance at life. It may be a bit harder to find the Pom you'd like, but it can be less expensive and extremely rewarding to save a rescue pup. If you identify with any of the following points, adoption is a good option for you:

- ✔ You haven't yet decided on a thoroughbred Pom and are interested in crossbreeds.
- ✔ You'd like to adopt an adult Pomeranian.
- ✔ You'd like to see the other breeds available.
- ✔ You're interested in giving a dog another shot at a happy life.

While we didn't find any specific rescue organisation online, you can always keep an eye out for Facebook groups and visit animal rescue centres. You can also find your new best friend by broadening your search to include other [dog breed rescue organisations](#).

If you'd like to learn more about the Pomeranian, please watch the video below!

<https://youtu.be/jma13YWmbN0>

## HOW MUCH DO POMERANIANS COST?

In Australia, the cost of a Pomeranian can start at around \$2,000 and rise to a steep \$5,000. The cost will also depend on the breeding history, or whether it is from a rescue centre, breeder or pet shop.



## POMERANIAN FAQS

### ARE POMERANIANS GOOD PETS?

Pomeranians are good pets if you are looking for an affectionate and intelligent companion. Poms love to spend time with people either playing outside or lounging on their lap. It is important to note that they are not the most child-friendly dogs, so they are better suited to people without young kids.

### ARE POMERANIANS BARKERS?

Pomeranians do tend to bark more often than average. Poms have a reputation for being mouthy dogs, so if you live in an area with strict noise rules, you may want to look at a different breed. We found a great article on how to train your [pom to bark less](#).

### IS A POMERANIAN A GOOD FIRST DOG?

Pomeranians can be a good first dog, especially if you're looking for a dog who is affectionate and adaptable. Poms do not have extreme exercise needs and are trainable due to their intelligence. However, it is important to note that they have high grooming standards, hate to be left alone and are typically not inclined to get along well with small children.

## ARE POMERANIANS BOSSY?

Pomeranians are highly intelligent, and this can sometimes lead them to think that they know best. We cannot make a blanket statement on the breed being bossy, as each dog will have an individual personality. Generally, Pomeranians are loving and affectionate. The adult personality of your dog will be dependent on its nature and nurture!

## DO POMERANIANS SHED A LOT?

Due to their long silky coat, Pomeranians do shed heavily. Poms require regular grooming to maintain their thick double coats. If your Toy Pom is groomed accordingly, it should reduce shedding and keep your Pom as happy as can be! You can also learn more about [Pomeranian grooming](#) to stay informed.

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