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Miniature Pinschers

The Versatile Min Pin

Did you know Miniature Pinschers are NOT the small version of the Dobermann Pinscher? In fact the breed was developed long before the Dobermann was created by Mr. Dobermann in the 1800s. Folks wanted a small dog that could keep their homes (not as well insulated and chemically protected as our current homes) rid of small vermin and play with the children as well.

Did you know Miniature Pinschers can be trained as small and quick hunting dogs? Roger and Ronna Roberts of Erie, Pennsylvania, have a black and rust Min Pin that helps Roger hunt pheasant. Robbie (the Min Pin) is right there when Roger shoots and takes off to help find the birds. They are quick and strong enough for rabbits too.

Did you know Miniature Pinschers can be trained as Canine Good Citizens and are perfect for home and hospital visitations? Joanne Wilds took her dog Chaz into nursing homes and the laughter and smiles that ensued were heartwarming to witness. Folks that had been huddled in their rooms came out for a pet and to hold and hug the little dog. Chaz took it all in stride and provided mental and emotional comfort to many people who needed to feel that unconditional love and to love in return.

Did you know Miniatures Pinschers are so smart and clever, they are great at obedience? Holly Boyd and her little boy Buzz are diligently working on their Rally titles. When you watch them in the ring they are almost magical and albeit a bit funny. Here's this lovely woman working her way through the signs (and there are lots of them to read and know!) and her red old man is walking right beside her and every once in a while he looks up as if to say..."poor Mom! She just keeps messing up my work!".

Did you know Miniature Pinschers are great trucking dogs? Larry and his dog Sammy and Lee and his dog Bebe travel all over the beautiful United States in their big rigs. The dogs have their own crates and beds and equipment bags. They protect their "mobile homes" with a vengeance. Even the Department of Transportation inspectors are wary when coming up to the trucks with a barking Miniature Pinscher in it. It is better to travel with a friend with you and adds protection, says Lee.

Did you know Miniature Pinschers are great at agility? Doralyn Wheatley and her dog Tessa run their trials with strength and speed. It takes a lot to work a Miniature Pinscher free and trust he or she will make the marks. Doralyn and Tessa have the most amazing relationship and understanding. To watch them fly through their paces is a wonder to see!

Miniature Pinschers are versatile dogs and can adapt to just about any situation you put them in. Those of us that are breeders and trainers know it is important to socialize this smart, tough, entertaining breed early and always treat them with respect. The Miniature Pinscher is a talented and intelligent partner in any endeavor!

A young conformation contender has surpassed winning records within the last 35 years for the Miniature Pinscher breed. GCH Marlex Classic Red Glare (Classie) has just accumulated 20 AKC All Breed Best In Shows at 2 years old. Congratulations to her owners Leah Monte and Armando Angelbello. Classie is handled by Armando and was bred by Carole Ann Mohr-Rio.

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