German Pinscher Basics:

- **Size**: 17”-20”, 25-40 lbs
- **Color**: red, fawn, blk/tan, blue/tan
- **Coat**: smooth with minimal grooming needed
- **Ears and Tail**: normally cropped & docked
- **Health**: no major problems, request health testing results
- **Home Environment**: indoors with fenced yard
- **Life Span**: 12-15 years
- **Activity Level**: High
- **Dominance Potential**: High
- **Kids**: w/ supervision
- **Trainability**: High w/ experienced trainer
- **Owners**: Experienced

The German Pinscher originated in Germany and is found in the origins of the Doberman and Miniature Pinscher, Giant and Standard Schnauzer. The wire- and smooth-coated schnauzers were represented in the same litter & became the modern Standard Schnauzer and German Pinscher. Following both world wars, the breed was nearly lost. Werner Jung is credited for saving the breed when he smuggled a German Pinscher into East Germany and utilized oversized Miniature Pinschers to resurrect the breed. The all-purpose breed was used to hunt vermin and to protect hearth and home, a job it still does with enthusiasm today.

For information on re-homing, fostering, or adopting a German Pinscher visit [http://germanpinscherrescue.org](http://germanpinscherrescue.org)
Are you right for a German Pinscher?

**Lifestyle**

German Pinschers thrive as part of your everyday life, if left alone for extended periods they can get into mischief. These short-coated dogs need to be indoors and part of your family, and do best when included in your daily activities.

**Exercise**

If your idea of a great day involves running, biking, hiking or similar pursuits you are an ideal partner for this active breed. German Pinschers need regular exercise on a daily basis to be happy and stable pets. Definitely not a couch potato dog.

**Temperament**

Ideal owners have experience with working breeds or other strong-willed dogs. All the drives of larger working dogs compressed into a medium package—the GP is an ideal partner for “take charge” owners. In the absence of proper leadership, they will be the boss!

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**Ready?**

Do your Research

Find a Reputable Breeder

Pick Your Perfect Partner

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Medium sized, elegant, and square in build, the German Pinscher is an excellent watchdog and companion. Bigger than the Miniature Pinscher but smaller than the Doberman, the agility, alertness, intelligence, and stamina of the German Pinscher make it suitable for conformation, obedience, tracking, agility competitions and more. Their short coats are solid-colored red or fawn, and black or blue with tan to rust markings. A working dog, they possess a natural instinct to hunt vermin and protect home and family. This creates a dog with strong prey drive and a strong will. However they are willing learners and they make wonderful multipurpose companions with firm, but gentle and consistent discipline.