



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Shih Tzu and Other Toy Dogs

When and where did the Shi Tzu breed first appear? What kind of personality might a Shi Tzu have? How did breeds of toy dogs develop? Read *Shih Tzu and Other Toy Dogs* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. The smallest breed in the toy-dog group is the ...
 - a. Shih Tzu
 - b. Bichon
 - c. Toy poodle
 - d. Chihuahua
2. Shih Tzu originated in ...
 - a. China
 - b. Japan
 - c. Vietnam
 - d. South Korea
3. Standard poodles were originally bred in ...
 - a. Russia
 - b. Scotland
 - c. Germany
 - d. Luxembourg
4. A Chinese crested stands from ...
 - a. 2 to 5 inches high at the shoulder
 - b. 11 to 13 inches high at the shoulder
 - c. 15 to 17 inches high at the shoulder
 - d. 19 to 21 inches high at the shoulder
5. What type of dog is this?A close-up photograph of a pug dog's face. The dog has a wrinkled, black face and a light-colored body, looking slightly to the right.
6. What type of dog is this?A photograph of a small Chihuahua dog sitting on a rock. The dog has large, upright ears and a black and white coat.

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. The Shih Tzu is ideally between 8 and 11 inches tall at the shoulder. | _____ 4. Chihuahuas are good choices for families with very small children. |
| _____ 2. A Shih Tzu needs lots of exercise. | _____ 5. Pugs originated in Asia. |
| _____ 3. It is important to not feed your pet anything unless you know it is safe. | _____ 6. Most toy dogs tend to live between 12 and 15 years. |

ANSWERS

- 1. d. Chihuahua.** According to section “What Is a Toy Dog?” on page 6, we know that “The smallest breed in the toy-dog group is the chihuahua, which ideally stands about 5 inches (13 centimeters) tall at the shoulder and weighs from 1 to 6 pounds (0.5 to 2.7 kilograms).” So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. a. China.** According to section “When and Where Did the Shih Tzu Breed First Appear?” on page 10, we know that “Shih Tzu were valued in China because they looked something like the lions drawn by traditional Chinese artists.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. c. Germany.** According to section “What Is a Poodle?” on page 44, we know that “Experts believe that standard poodles were originally bred in Germany as water retrievers.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. b. 11 to 13 inches high at the shoulder.** According to section “What Is a Chinese Crested?” on page 50, we know that “A Chinese crested is a breed of small dog. It stands from 11 to 13 inches (28 to 33 centimeters) high at the shoulder and weighs from 5 to 10 pounds (2.3 to 4.5 kilograms).” So, the correct answer is B.
- 5.** According to page 47, this photo shows a pug.
- 6.** According to page 43, this photo shows a chihuahua.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “What Does a Shih Tzu Look Like?” on page 12, we know that “The Shih Tzu is a small dog—ideally, between 8 and 11 inches (20 to 28 centimeters) tall at the shoulder.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section “Is a Shih Tzu the Dog for You?” on page 16, we know that “Shih Tzu do not need a lot of exercise, so they can make good companions for people who are elderly or disabled.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section “What Does a Shih Tzu Eat?” on page 24, we know that “Do not feed your pet anything unless you know it is safe.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to section “What Is a Chihuahua?” on page 42, we know that “Although recent television commercials and movies have made chihuahuas very popular, they are not a good choice for families with very small children.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section “What Is a Pug?” on page 46, we know that “Most experts believe that pugs are from Asia.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section “What Are Some Common Signs of Illness?” on page 56, we know that “Toy dogs tend to live long, healthy lives. Most live about 12 to 15 years.” So, the correct answer is True.