

# POODLES vs DOODLES

## Poodles

- Poodles are recognized as a Pure Bred dog. Meaning both parents are poodles bred to one another.
- There are five basic types of poodles: Standard, Miniature, Toy, Klein and Teacup.
- They come in a variety of colours from white, black, brown, parti, tuxedo, grey, silver, cream, Apricot, Café-Au Lait.
- Poodles are one of the most intelligent dog breeds, second to the Border Collie. They make excellent support dogs and emotional support dogs. They are known to be natural retrievers which make them a great hunting dog. Also, they have webbed feet which make them great swimmers.
- Poodles are very gentle, affectionate, goofy, and love being with their families and just want to be by your side. The humans blanket.
- Poodles have the longest life span of all dog breeds. Standard poodles can live 12 to 15 years. Where the smaller toy variety can live upwards of 17 years.
- Poodles are lively dogs that benefit from regular exercise and mental stimulation every day. Some people think they are more of a hyper dog, but I disagree. They just love to show their excitement, love to please their owner, and cannot contain how happy they are at times.
- Poodles tend to enjoy the company of their humans over other canines. They are very family friendly and love human contact. They just love to be by your side on the couch keeping you warm.
- A poodles coat is curly and dense, forming a water resistant barrier. They are less likely to cause allergies because they do not have an undercoat that sheds very much. Which is why they are considered Hypoallergenic. They do require regular grooming and should be brushed almost daily to help with matting.



## Doodles

- A doodle is a cross between a poodle and another pure bred dog. The first doodle bred was a Goldendoodle in 1969. Which is a cross of a golden retriever and a poodle. The original purpose of the cross was to develop guide dogs suitable for visually impaired individuals with allergies.
- There are a variety of doodles that have been produced over the years. They are Goldendoodles, Labradoodles, Bernadoodles, Sheepadoodles, Cockapoos, Shipoos, the list goes on from there.
- This breed has become very popular due to less shedding and the hyperallergenic aspect of the breed. However, **not all doodles are hyperallergenic and non-shedding**. You have to remember they are still 50% poodle and 50% other breed. So, there is still a chance to inherit the shedding trait from



the non-poodle. They are born with curly poodle coat, wavy coats or more straight coats. You cannot predict or guarantee what type a coat the puppy will have until it is born. **So, nobody should guarantee any puppy to be hypoallergenic with a doodle.** The more curly coats are better for people with allergies and shed less or not at all.

- Doodles just like poodles require regular grooming so their hair does not get matted. The doodles you see with the longer hair would need to be brushed everyday just like humans. You wouldn't go a day or week without brushing your hair in order to keep the tangles away. Same for doodles.
- There are different classifications of doodles depending on how they are crossed. Below are some of the different types:
  - F1** = Poodle x purebred dog (50% of each dog trait, first generation doodle)  
This combination produces the most hybrid vigour, resulting in superior qualities.
  - F1B** = Poodle x F1 doodle (75% poodle 25% other dog breed)
  - F2** = F1 Doodle x F1 Doodle (this combination produces the highest amount of flat coated doodles, which could mean more shedding)
  - F2B** = F1 Doodles x F1B (this combination reintroduces even more poodle traits)
  - F3** = F1B x F1B (aka multi-gene)There are even more combinations but I don't want to overload you.

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When people ask me which breed I prefer it is hard for me to decide one way or the other. I have a 2 year old standard poodle (Misty) and a 9 year old goldendoodle (Chip). They are both loving dogs who just want to be by your side and love you. They do not shed but both require a lot of grooming. My goldendoodle loves the pool and would jump right in. Where my poodle (who is suppose to love water based on poodle traits) will have nothing to do with the pool. My goldendoodle barks a lot more than my poodle. Which is funny as people have a tendency to say poodles bark a lot. But not in my case. My poodle is very smart and very easy to train as my goldendoodle has a bit of a stubborn side to him. So potty training took a little longer. My goldendoodle loves all people and dogs. Where



my poodle is a little more reserved when meeting new people and dogs. Its like she wants to check them out first to make sure they are ok to meet her people. They both had no problem learning to use a crate and my poodle still goes in it to have a quiet spot to go to. They both love squirrels and rabbits and love chasing them. My goldendoodle loved to eat his poop which is so gross and even after 9 years he still

would sneak one once in a while. My poodle loves to retrieve a ball and bring it back, as my goldendoodle loves to chase a ball and not bring it back.

So, I guess my whole point in this is to try and say all dogs are different no matter what you read. I believe dogs are just like humans which have different characters and traits. The best thing you can do for yourself and your dog is to enroll your dog in a training course and start socialization as soon as they have had all their shots. The more activities you can do with your dog the more well rounded your dog will be. You can even just watch Youtube vidoes if you cannot afford training

lessons. Mental stimulation is such a great way to exercise your dog, sometimes even more than a walk. A dog is a big 10 to 15 year commitment and they will just love you unconditionally and provide you with years of dog poop, wet kisses, doggy breath, farts, muddy foot prints and a great couch or bed companion.