

POODLE (STANDARD)



The Standard Poodle is a popular, water-loving dog used for centuries as a bird dog and popular pet. Poodles were established in Germany by the 15th century. Oddly enough, they are the national dog breed of France, and they were the most popular breed of dog in the United States throughout the 1960s and 70s. They're still quite popular today, owing to their intelligence, trainability, and non-shedding coats. Although well-known for their fancy fur, they're one of the most intelligent breeds of dog and require a lot of exercise and stimulation.

Fun Fact

From 1989 to 1991, John Suter raced a team of Poodles in the Iditarod.

Although his teams placed in the back half of the pack, he managed to win \$2,000 in prize money before retiring his poodle team. The Iditarod has since changed its rules to specify that only northern dog breeds can compete.