

Reminder 😊

Why NOT want a DACHSHUND:

1. Dachshunds bark. They cannot help it; it is in their genes. Dachshunds are bred to be working dogs and when working, they use different types of barking to communicate with their owner. Dachshunds bark to inform you of any changes in the surroundings, starting from a burglar, all the way to a bird landing in the garden. Dachshunds bark to communicate with you and other dogs. You can limit barking with a great deal of training, but you cannot get rid of it completely. So, if you live somewhere a barking dog is a problem, you do not want a Dachshund.

2. Dachshunds dig. If Dachshunds cannot see the sunlight through the pickets of a fence, most of them will dig to reach the light. If you do not have a secure fence that extends into the ground, you should keep an open mind about some dug holes. There are exceptions, but if you are very proud of your garden and the mere idea of having holes in the ground upsets you, you do not want a Dachshund.

3. Dachshunds are agile. They are much more agile than they look. Do not let yourself be fooled by the shy behaviour or the cute appearance of the Dachshund. Dachshunds are able to jump on furniture, into your lap, climb into bed, find a way to escape the garden, and much more. If you do not want to have a dog on your furniture or in your lap, you do not want a Dachshund.

4. Dachshunds get fat! Most Dachshunds love food and put on weight very quickly if you do not keep an eye on their diet. Being overweight is much worse for a Dachshund than for other dogs, because it affects their back. So, if you want to feed your Dachshund human food and all kinds of additional treats, you do not want a Dachshund.

5. Dachshunds like to be indoors. They want to be at the centre of attention and love spending time with their owner and family. If you want a dog who will only live outdoors, you do not want a Dachshund.

6. It is not easy to teach a Dachshund to keep their surroundings clean. Most Dachshunds keep clean if you teach them patiently and carefully. They whine to get indoors but do not want to go outside. Dachshunds do learn to keep clean, but not easily, so if you are bothered by the likelihood that there may be some “accidents” in your home or have a white carpet, you probably do not want a Dachshund.

7. Dachshunds chew. If a Dachshund sees something they like, it is theirs. Dachshunds have incredibly strong jaws, and they love to use them. You must be extremely careful about what they have access to, especially in puppyhood. If you cannot bear the idea of your favourite shoes getting destroyed, you do not want a Dachshund.

8. Dachshunds are incredibly headstrong. Dachshunds learn fast, but they are not perfect – what a Dachshund does not want to see or hear does not exist for them. Some Dachshunds do wonderfully in obedience trainings, but you must accept that it is always under their conditions. Furthermore, Dachshunds have selective hearing, and if you are not fine with this, you do not want a Dachshund.

9. Dachshunds want to spend time with you obsessively. A Dachshund will be under your feet, in your lap, in the bed, in front of the fridge (when the door opens), with you in the bathroom... If you want privacy sometimes, you do not want a Dachshund.

10. Dachshunds can be OCD. Dachshunds like having things their way and this applies to everything – where they bury the treats, what kind of food they eat, when you come home, where and how the furniture should be placed, who is allowed on the sofa – absolutely everything. If you are not willing to spend time on calming down your Dachshund, you do not want a Dachshund.

Now, if you have got this far and think you want a Dachshund after all, it will be for the following reasons: Dachshunds are among the most communicative breeds with a great personality and character. Each one of them is unique and they bring a lot of joy. Who could resist these large brown eyes and the sad-looking face. Dachshunds are very loyal and protect those they love until the end. They are also very affectionate, always ready to be petted with their wagging tails and wet kisses. Dachshunds are true human magnets – if you walk with a Dachshund, you must be willing to meet new people. Dachshunds are addictive – if you have one, you must definitely get at least one more, and you will never be able to own another breed. Dachshunds are funny and make you laugh more than they make you cry. If you have read all this through and still want a Dachshund, you probably truly want a Dachshund!

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Obsessive or compulsive symptoms are ideas, imaginations or impulses that stereotypically recur in our mind and disturb us since they contain something unpleasant: violence, obscenity, foolishness, senselessness. A person may try to suppress them, but often unsuccessfully.

The frequency of different compulsive thoughts

55% - contamination, 35% - themes related to order (order-mess), 19% - aggressive themes, 15% - sexual themes, 10% - religious themes.

A compulsive act or ritual is a recurring stereotypical behaviour.

For treatment, see previous recommendations on compulsive thoughts and fears. A doctor can support with medications.

Treatment is possible but requires patience.

Wishing you the best,

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