

Information on the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Breed

The Welsh Corgi may have gotten its name from the Welsh word, corrci, which means dwarf dog. There are two closely related varieties; the Pembroke and the Cardigan. The Pembroke is easily distinguished from the Cardigan because of Pembroke's short tail and its shorter length than the Cardigan. The belief is that the Pembroke came to Pembrokeshire, Wales, with Flemish weavers in the early 12th century. The Pembroke was recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1936.

Bred as herding animals, they are outstanding competitors in sheepdog trials and dog agility, and have proven themselves as excellent companion animals. They are natural herders, originally used to herd sheep, horses and cattle by nipping at their heels. The short legs may seem to be a disadvantage, but because of their stamina and efficiency in working, they became a popular working dog for driving cattle. It's the low profile that allowed it to avoid an animal's kick.

The Pembroke is well known because of their long-time popularity with the British Royal family. It is loyal, loving, and an excellent obedience dog. Extremely intelligent and quick thinkers, they have a want to please their owners, this makes them easy to train. This breed of dog makes amazing companions for children because they bond more with them than they might other members of the family. Pembroke's are patient with young children as long as they know how to treat pets.

Temperament:

The Pembroke Corgi is not only intelligent, quick, and active, but also exceedingly bold. Corgi's are devoted and protective of its family. Defending its home at any cost, they make good watchdogs. Generally suspicious around strangers, but trained as a puppy, they will be courteous around new people. Corgi's are friendly and playful dogs, although due to instinct, it has been known to nip at people's (especially children's) heels either in play or in an attempt to herd them. This can be avoided with proper training.

Confirmation:

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi head is fox-like with medium-sized erect ears that are slightly rounded at the tip. Their eyes are medium in size, round and brown in color. The Pembroke's coat is medium length and may be red,

sable, fawn or black and tan in color. They have a distinctive white bib, as well as white paws, white around the muzzle and often a white blaze between the eyes. The Pembroke is sometimes born tailless but may have tails of varying lengths. These are left natural in Britain but are docked in the United States. The legs are short and strong. The average height of the Pembroke is between ten and twelve inches and weigh between 24 and 28 pounds. The topline is straight. They have a smooth and free gait with the legs tending toward converging as the dog moves at a faster pace.