

What is a Vizsla?

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1. Vizslas have a short, sleek coat that requires minimal grooming. They do shed.
2. They are very good at alerting you to anybody coming to the door. However, they can be loud and rowdy and must be taught not to jump on guests or “mouth” them.
3. They are generally very good with considerate children and are naturally protective of them. However, young children should not be left unsupervised with any dog.
4. They are excellent jogging and walking companions. **THIS BREED MUST HAVE A LOT OF EXERCISE** – after all, they were bred to be active hunting dogs.
5. They are very curious and want to be part of whatever you are doing. They should be allowed to live with you when you are home, as they very much want to be part of the family. If not allowed to be part of the family, they can become destructive and develop bad habits.
6. Average life span is about 12 years to 15 years.
7. They are very playful and will invent games to play with you; they do not lose their love of life as they age.
8. They are very sensitive and affectionate, and they want to be touching you when they lie down.
9. Most are good hunting companions.
10. They love to retrieve and carry things. A word of caution: this includes your shoes, clothes, and the children’s toys.
11. They love to go with you anytime, anyplace, and anywhere.
12. They are intelligent, easy to train, and want to please.
13. As puppies, Vizslas can be destructive, and some are chewers until they reach maturity.
14. They will eat anything – pantyhose, remote controls, sofas, pillows, sheetrock walls, eyeglasses, etc. They are also natural thieves, and you must learn to keep things out of their reach. No more food left out on counters! Some are championship diggers.
15. As a result of the above two traits, a crate or other safe place for confinement when not supervised is a **MUST** with this breed.
16. They must have **CONSISTENT, POSITIVE TRAINING**, starting at an early age.
17. They can sometimes be too rowdy for small children and the elderly. Some Vizslas are not tolerant of children.
18. Vizslas are generally a healthy breed. Breeding animals should be certified free of hip dysplasia. Other problems can occur but are not common: allergies, epilepsy, Von Willebrandt’s Disease, eye disorders.
19. They were bred to hunt feathers or fur; squirrels, cats, birds, and anything else can be interpreted as prey.
20. They were bred to be protective and may be territorial.
21. They do not like to run far from their owners, but they may get into dangerous situations when running after something that interests them.

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