

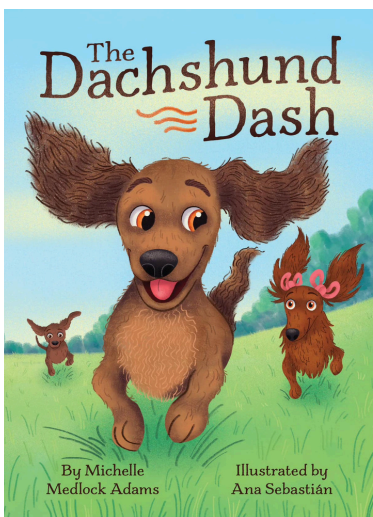
DID YOU KNOW?

Dachshunds are unique little dogs because they are long like no other dog. In fact, they've been called "weenie dogs" because of their long, hotdog shape. There are three types of dachshunds—smooth, wire-haired, and longhaired (referring to their coats)—but all are long in body and short to the ground. There are also standard and miniature versions of this breed.

Because of their unique body shape, dachshunds are able to burrow into holes after small, rodent-type animals. In the earthdog trials in the United States, dachshunds are challenged to go after a laboratory rat rather than rabbits, raccoons, or squirrels.

At a European den trial, the setup is more complicated: Tunnels are 70 to 80 meters long, and the dog comes in actual contact with the animal, which is either a badger or a fox.

The miniature dachshund is 11 pounds or less when over a year old. Dachshunds live in a lot of countries but what you may not know is where they originally come from—Germany! And, you may see some dachshunds with gray around their noses because they can live to be more than 14 years old! That's 98 in human years!



Dachshunds tend to be very sociable animals and if properly raised and socialized, generally they will get along well with other dogs and animals. They also make wonderful pets and are considered to be one of the most loyal breeds of dogs. Did I mention they are also very stubborn?

With their long backs and short legs, dachshunds need special handling. It's important that people learn to hold a dachshund properly, which is similar to holding the dog like a football.

Weenie dogs are very special animals. They not only have a unique body shape and special skills, but they also have a great ability to love. (I know because I have three miniature dachshunds!) There is a lot to be learned about dachshunds—my favorite type of dog.

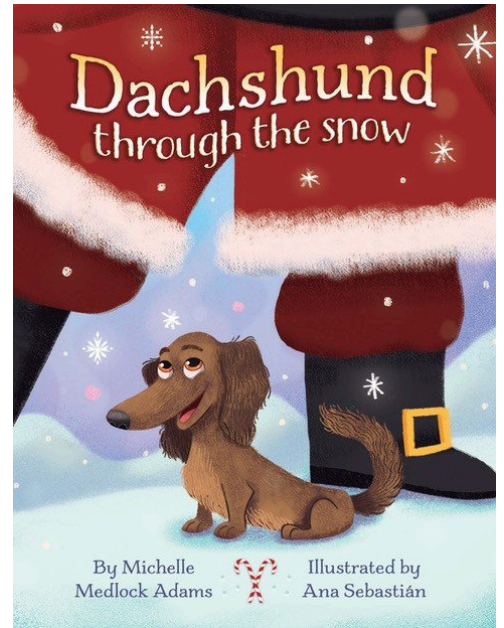
Be Bold!

Dachshunds are fierce hunters. In fact, in Germany the word “dachshund” means “badger hound” because these long, short-to-the-ground dogs would successfully hunt badgers.

Brilliant diggers, dachshunds would dig into the badgers’ burrows and attack, which made them invaluable to the German farmers. You see, badgers were a real problem for the farmers because the pesky badgers ate all of the farmers’ crops!

Though dachshunds originally came from Germany, it was England that first turned Doxies from hunters into beloved pets, and it wasn’t until the 1870s that this special breed made its way to the United States.[2]

Often called wiener dogs, weenie dogs, sausage dogs, or hot dogs, this adorable breed has several varieties: short-haired, long-haired, and wire-haired, and 13 different color combinations! Doxies come in different patterns, too, such as: dapple, double dapple, brindle, piebald, brindle piebald and sable. But no matter what you call them or what they look like, there’s one thing all dachshunds have in common—they are bold!



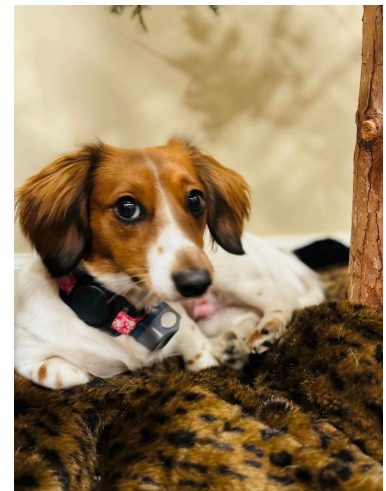
Awards!

Awards: Even though dachshunds are almost always in the Top 10 most popular dogs in the United States, the dachshund has never won Best in Show at Westminster. It has, however, won Best of Group 10 times![1]



Fido 411!

Did you know that a 2008 study in the journal of “Applied Animal Behaviour Science” named the dachshund as the most aggressive of all dog breeds?[3]



[1] Barri-segal, “You’ll Never Guess Which Popular Dog Breeds Have Never Won Best in Show,” Showbiz Cheat Sheet, last modified May 22, 2018, <https://www.cheatsheet.com/culture/youll-never-guess-which-popular-dog-breeds-have-never-won-best-in-show.html/>.

[2] Ava Jaine, “Unique Origin Of The Dachshund [History Weight Color]- Dachshund Station,” Dachshund Station, last modified April 15, 2020, <https://www.dachshundstation.com/origin/>.

[3] Nancy Hajeski, Every Dog: A Book of 500 Breeds (Richmond Hill: Firefly Books, 2016), 82.