

## **Breed Standards for the Maltese**

General Appearance:	The Maltese is a diminutive dog with a compact, square body, covered all over with long, flat, silky, white hair hanging almost to the ground.
Head:	Well known for the striking contrast between its white coat and dark eyes and eye rims.
Tail:	Carried over the back, its tip lying to the side.
Color:	White
Size:	Weight is 4 – 6 pounds; Height is 9 – 10 inches.
Temperament:	Long a favorite lapdog, the gentle Maltese fills this role admirably. It also has a wild side, and it loves to run and play.