



# Welcome To The Wonderful World Of The Chinese Shar-Pei

## CONGRATULATIONS on your new Chinese Shar-Pei Puppy

You have just taken the first step in protecting the interests of your new puppy by registering it with the American Kennel Club (AKC). As you begin your journey with this intelligent and loving dog, we would like to offer some suggestions to insure a long and happy relationship with your new companion.

We encourage you to meet other Shar-Pei owners through membership in the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc. (CSPCA), the official AKC parent club of the breed. We are one of the largest breed clubs in the U.S. with members in all 50 states and many foreign countries. CSPCA members promote and protect the breed through:

- Public Education
- Judges' Education
- Rescue Networks
- Breeder Referrals
- Affiliated Clubs
- Veterinary Medical Research
- National & Regional Specialties
- Official Publications

## **Q** What do I need to know about Shar-Pei health care?

Puppies need and deserve regular health care. Choose a veterinarian who is knowledgeable about Shar-Pei. Ask your breeder about local vets or contact members of your local Shar-Pei club. Don't forget routine vaccinations, rabies shots and regular checkups.



Shar-Pei thrive on high quality dog kibble. Some Shar-Pei have various food and other allergies. The CSPCA has developed a Veterinary Guide that is designed for your vet and upon request, will be mailed to your vet at no cost. It covers the special needs of the Shar-Pei. For detailed information regarding recommended feeding and health care regimens, please contact your veterinarian or refer to the CSPCA web site at [www.cspca.com](http://www.cspca.com).

Shar-Pei are clean dogs that require little more care than an occasional bath, regular ear cleaning and toe nail clipping.



## **Q** How can I become a responsible Shar-Pei owner?

Socialization of your puppy is critical in helping your Shar-Pei develop into a good neighbor. Take your dog on walks, gradually introducing him to a leash and social situations with other people and animals. Never let your dog roam indiscriminately. It not only annoys your neighbors, but puts your dog in danger. Obey the leash laws in your community.

An obedient dog is a happy dog. Train your Shar-Pei at an early age. They are very bright and learn quickly. Many specialty and all-breed clubs offer obedience training. Perhaps your local Shar-Pei Club can help in locating training classes in your area.

Crate training is highly recommended for your Shar-Pei. If introduced at an early age, his crate can become a place of comfort and security. Use of a crate is not a substitute for good training, quality exercise and social times for your dog every day.

Please identify your puppy with a safe form of identification such as a rolled leather collar and name tag (never leave a collar or choke chain on a puppy that is left unattended). Your vet may recommend a tattoo or one of the new high tech microchip implants.

## **Q** What kind of activities can my Shar-Pei and I participate in together?

Obedience, exhibiting, tracking, and agility are just a few of the fun activities for you and your Shar-Pei. Junior showmanship is an excellent challenge for youngsters 10 to 18. The CSPCA can help you discover these activities.

Enjoy your new pet as you discover the wonders of sharing your life with a Shar-Pei!



### Should I breed or neuter my dog?

Breeding dogs is serious business and should not be a casual undertaking. The number one obligation of a responsible breeder is to make sure his puppies are placed with loving, responsible new owners.

Learn all you can about the Shar-Pei before you consider breeding your dog. It is irresponsible to breed an animal that may have genetic defects—something a casual breeder may not discover until it is too late. Informed breeders, on the other hand, can help improve the breed by selectively mating dogs without hereditary problems. Hip dysplasia, for instance, once menaced Shar-Pei, but responsible breeders united to help reduce the problem.

Spayed females often live longer and are healthier. Neutered males cannot develop testicular cancer and have a lower risk of developing prostate cancer. In addition, a neutered male often becomes less aggressive and more tolerant of other male dogs. Clearly, spaying and/or neutering shows you truly care for your pet.

However, if you are serious about becoming an educated breeder, you will find that producing and exhibiting top quality Shar-Pei is a challenging and exciting experience. The devoted fancier will find the rewards far outweigh the risks, but don't plan on making money. The costs of veterinary care, food, stud fees and related expenses can easily outpace any revenue generated by a litter of puppies. Very few people profit from breeding dogs.

Dog show judges use a breed standard as a guideline of excellence to evaluate the Shar-Pei. You should use this standard to compare how your Shar-Pei measures up BEFORE considering breeding. For a copy of the Chinese Shar-Pei Standard, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the CSPCA Secretary.



### How can I learn more about my Chinese Shar-Pei?

The *Barker*, the official publication of the CSPCA, is your most important source of information about the Shar-Pei. It is a high quality, professional, quarterly magazine that was named Best National Club Magazine for 1993 by the Dog Writers' Association of America and is available **free** with your CSPCA membership. This magazine has something for every Shar-Pei owner, breeder, exhibitor or pet owner who simply loves his dog. Articles from veterinary experts about the health of the Shar-Pei are a high priority.

Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a free copy of the Chinese Shar-Pei Standard (\$2.00 for an illustrated version); and/or a list of books about the Chinese Shar-Pei. For a sample copy of *The Barker* at half the cover price, send \$5.00 to the Membership Secretary. Each copy includes a Breeders' Directory, the Standard, a list of affiliated clubs plus much more. Find out why *The Barker* is the Shar-Pei fancier's favorite magazine!

The CSPCA welcomes you to become a member in our nationwide network of dedicated Shar-Pei owners, breeders and fanciers and receive *The Barker* free of charge.



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