



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
- Judge's Education
- Rescue Networks
- Breeder Referrals
- Affiliated Clubs
- Veterinary Medical Research
- National and 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. Have your vet contact Dr. Jeff Vidt to get access to the "Vets Only" section of his website

drjwv@aol.com

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 website at

www.cspca.com

Shar-Pei are clean dogs that require little more 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 unattended). Your vet may recommend a tattoo or a microchip implant. AKC's website has additional information on microchips.

Q What activities can my Shar-Pei & 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 9 through 17. 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. AKC recommends delaying spay/neuter until a dog reaches maturity. Being a responsible dog owner means containing your dog from accidental breeding.

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 revenues 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. The standard can be found

under the Judges Education button on the CSPCA website:

www.cspca.com

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

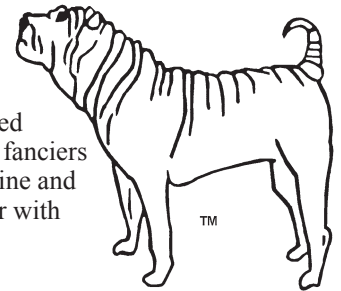
The Barker, the official publication of the CSPCA, is an important source of information about the Shar-Pei. It is a high quality, professional, quarterly magazine and is available free with your CSPCA membership. This magazine has something for every Shar-Pei owner, breeder, exhibitor or pet owner who simply loves their dog. Articles from veterinary experts about the health of the Shar-Pei are high priority.

For a sample copy of *The Barker* send \$10.00 (U.S. addresses only) to:

Dorothy Schuerman
41 St Mary's Ct
Springfield IL 62702-6131

Make checks payable to the CSPCA. Each copy includes a *Breeder's Directory*, a list of Affiliated Clubs plus much more. Find out why *The Barker* is the Shar-Pei fancier's favorite magazine.

The CSPCA invites you to become a member in our nationwide network of dedicated Shar-Pei owners, breeders and fanciers and receive *The Barker* magazine and *The CSPCA Express* newsletter with their membership dues.



For more information about **The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.** or *The Barker* magazine, visit us at

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 Or contact us at:
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Membership Application

Complete form and return with proper fee to:

CSPCA Membership Chairman
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East Haddam CT 06423-1446
860-873-2572
Email: bob@cspca.com

Membership Rates

Individual (1 vote) U.S.	\$50	Family (2 votes) U.S.	\$55
Individual U.S. with 1st class	\$66	Family U.S. with 1st class	\$71
Associate U.S. (no voting)	\$40	Associate U.S. with 1st class	\$56
Canada with 1st Class	\$95	Associate Foreign with 1st class	\$95
Junior (10-17 yrs) U.S. with <i>Barker</i>	\$40	Junior with 1st class mailing	\$56
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