

# Coat Types

The Dachshund is well known for his lively, charming, sometimes willful personality. The Smooth Coat, Wirehaired Coat, and Longhaired Dachshund share common traits, they differ in some ways, too. Here's a closer look at the temperaments of all three.

- **The Independent Smooth Coat Dachshund**

The smooth-haired dachshund often becomes more attached to one member of the family. Independent yet friendly, they're lovable and energetic dogs that make excellent family pets. The smooth coat on the Dachshund is the easiest of the three coats to care for.

- **The Spunky Wirehaired Dachshund**

The Wirehaired Dachshund is the real extrovert, reveling in games and possessing a clownish sense of humor. With a rough outer coat and a soft, short undercoat, the Wirehaired Doxie needs regular grooming to keep his coat in top condition. Every spring and fall, this Dachshund's coat needs to be "stripped." This simply means you need to pluck out individual hairs in his top coat. While it may sound painful, these loose hairs come out easily when the time is right when you use the proper utensils. You can clip his coat as well.

- **The Gentle Longhaired Dachshund**

They tend to be calmer, with a less terrier-like temperament. While the Longhaired Dachshund is playful, he needs less exercise than both the Smooth Coat and Wirehaired Dachshund. Because of their long wavy locks, this Dachshund needs to be groomed a few times a week to prevent matting. A good brushing in areas where the hair is thick will do. Then simply comb the areas where the hair is a bit thinner.