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# Maltese

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The Maltese is a small, hardy companion dog with a thick, heavy coat hanging straight to the ground on each side of a center part line. The color is pure white or sometimes light ivory. The long pendant ears and tail are thickly covered with hair. Height: 8-10 inches (21-25 cm.) Weight: from 6 1/2-9 pounds (3-4 kg.)