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# Portuguese Water Dog

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The Portuguese Water dog is a hardy, muscular, medium-sized dog. The single-layered, non-shedding, virtually hypo-allergenic coat comes in black, white or brown, parti-color (white with dark spots), black or brown with white markings, or even silver fox or gray. The coat varies from flat, wavy, shiny type to a thick, open curl, to a tight curl. It has more webbing between the toes than many other breeds, which aids in swimming. The heart-shaped ears hang down beside the head. Height: 17-22 inches (43-57 cm.) Weight: 35-55 pounds (16-25 kg.)