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- About the Shiba Inu dog breed

- History

- Shiba Inu was **bred to hunt and flush small game**, such as birds and rabbits.
 - Lives in the mountainous areas of the Chūbu region
 - During the Meiji Restoration, western dog breeds were imported, and Japanese dog breeds were popular.
 - From 1912 to 1926 almost no pure shiba remained.
 - The shiba's ancestors accompanied the **earliest immigrants to Japan** way back in 7000 B.C. (about 9000 years ago)
 - Archeologists have found remains of dogs about the size of Shibas in sites that were inhabited by the Jomon-jin people, who lived in Japan from 14,500 B.C. to 300 A.D.
 - DNA analysis reveals that the Shiba Inu is one of the oldest dog breeds, dating back to **the 3rd century BC**, part of the Classical era.
 - They were originally used as hunting dogs
 - They are one of the most popular breeds of Japan
 - We are able to understand that the word "Inu" in Japanese means dog, however we can not say the same for the word "Shiba". Still we distinguished that it was named for the terrain where it hunted since Shiba means brushwood in Japanese.
 - Before World War II, there were three types of Shibas — the Mino, the Sanin, and the Shinshu, named for the regions where they originated. Today's Shiba Inu is most similar to the Shinshu, but all three contributed to the modern breed.
 - Hachiko was adopted by a man named Eizaburo Ueno. As hachiko or hachi grew older, he got attached to his owner. He started to see his owner off to work in the morning at the Shibuya Train Station, in central Tokyo and went to pick him up at the station in the afternoon when he returned from work. However, one day his owner did not come back from work, and it appeared that his owner died at work. Hachiko moved in

with a former gardener of the Ueno family. However, hachi would always go to the station waiting for his owner.

- Care needs

- Try to let them get used to important things like collars and leashes early on because they get very stubborn as early as a few months after they are born. It may cause them stress if you force things they don't like on them so if you get them used to them as a puppy, they will be fine with it.
- Shiba Inu's are dogs that like cleanliness a lot so they will not pee or poop around their territory (home). That is why it is important to take them on regular walks or keep a potty tray far from where they sleep.
- When they become 5-6 months old, their teeth get very itchy from changing from baby to adult teeth so it is important to teach them what they are allowed to bite/chew and what they are not allowed to. You should not only tell them and get angry when they chew on something they are not allowed to but also give them a lot of things they can chew on.
- They need a lot of exercise, unexpected from their looks. You should take them outside on a walk at least once a day which is also good for your health too. They also need walks on snowy or rainy days which might be hard but if they don't, they will be very energetic and be running around inside your house which can be dangerous for them.

- Behaviour

- They are not very clingy to humans as they were originally dogs that were not meant to stay inside a home. Most of them may not like cuddling or hugs all the time.
- Shibas are dogs that self assert themselves a lot more than other dogs. They tend to have strong opinions on what they like and don't like.
- Shiba Inu's were originally guard dogs so they tend to bite a lot. They will not bite to the point where you will get a deep cut but you have to be careful when trying to make them sit or when playing with them.

- They tend to have very unique personalities from other dogs and even in between Shiba Inu's which are very cute to discover. As you grow a bond and trust with one another, what you thought was their personality may change too.

Test with 10 multiple-choice questions:

- Where did the Shiba Inu originate?
 - Kanto
 - Chubu
 - Hokkaido
 - Shikoku
 - Kyushu
- When did the shiba inu almost go extinct
 - 1812-1826
 - 1512-1526
 - 1912-1926
 - 1612-1626
- When did the shiba's ancestors accompany the earliest immigrants to Japan?
 - 8 000
 - 6 000
 - 4 000
 - 9 000
- What century are the shiba inus from?
 - 4th century
 - 9th century
 - 3rd century
 - 7th century
- What does the word Shiba mean?
 - Brushwood
 - Tree
 - Flower
 - Grass
- Which station did hachiko wait for his owner, Eizaburo Ueno at?
 - Ikebukuro Station

- Shibuya Station
- Ueno Station
- Shinjuku Station

- At minimum, at what pace do you have to take them outside?

- Once a month
- Every other day
- Twice a day
- Once a week
- Once a day

- What type of dogs are Shiba Inus?

- Very bitey dogs but do not make you bleed
- Very soft dogs that don't bite at all
- Very bitey dogs that give you deep cuts and make you bleed
- Very soft dogs that only bite furniture or toys
- Very bitey dogs that only bite specific people

- What personality do most Shibas have?

- They are very clingy and love cuddles
- They like a good amount of space but a lot of hugs
- They like their personal space and not a lot of cuddles or hugs
- They are very clingy but hate cuddles
- They love cuddles only from their owner

- When do their teeth tend to start changing from baby to adult teeth?

- 1-2 months old
- 3-4 months old
- 4-5 months old
- 5-6 months old
- 6-7 months old