

# Teacup or Mini

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QR Code Link to This Post Please think twice about purchasing a Teacup Dog or Mini-Anything dog. They have been improperly bred and ALL have health issues.

The issues with these dogs begin before they are even born. Teacup dogs can naturally occur as "runts of the litter," but more often they're the product of intentionally breeding two undersized dogs. Because the mother dog is so small, she can only whelp a couple of puppies at most and there's a greatly increased chance of complications. In other words, breeding teacups is extra risky for both the mother and the puppies.

That's not the worst of it though. Because the dogs are in high demand and can sell for thousands of dollars, there's a huge incentive for unethical breeders to produce these dogs any way they can. This could include breeding dogs that are closely related, or even deliberately stunting a puppy's growth through starvation or other revolting methods.

Fraud is another issue. There is no officially recognized teacup breed, and typically no guarantee that the tiny puppy you get from the breeder won't grow up to be a standard-sized dog. It's all too easy for someone to pass a puppy off as a bonafide teacup when it's really just a few weeks younger than advertised.

Of course, with any dog breed, there are going to be irresponsible breeders. However, because many reputable dog breeders refuse to sell teacups, this market in particular is wide open for sleazebags.

Every breed is prone to certain diseases and disorders, but the list of issues for teacups is long and severe. In one category, there are health issues directly related to their unnaturally small size. In another, there are problems that come from inbreeding and other sketchy practices of backyard breeders. Thanks to all of these issues, teacups as a group don't live as long as their normal-sized counterparts.

No article about teacup breeds can fail to mention hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), which can cause seizures and death if not carefully monitored. Many teacups have to be fed several times a day, and precisely at the same time. Even when they don't have life-threatening conditions, they often have chronic health issues that require a check-up every day.

Other common health issues include liver shunts, hydrocephalus, eye and ear problems, and respiratory problems. In one case, a teacup puppy was a factor in the potential for higher-than-normal vet bills -- not to mention all the frustration and heartbreak that comes with owning a chronically ill pet.

Unfortunately Craigslist is filled with ads for these dogs and others, for sale by ignorant, greedy backyard breeders. Not only is it unethical, it is prohibited to sell any pets on CL!

If you want a purebred dog, check out the Bred Rescues or go to your local shelter. They are filled with healthy pets needing a home; plus you will be saving a life!!

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"Purebred Pitbulls Razor's Edge" or whatever lineage the breeders claim. All of these type dogs are at your local shelter!!!!!!!!!! Already spayed/neutered and with shots and temperament tests. The shelters are full because of the backyard breeders with these mini-teacup - or whatever horribly inbred dogs they come up with, and sell for hundreds of dollars.