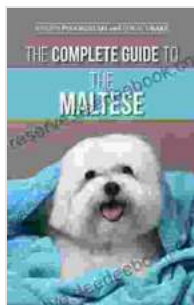


The Complete Guide To The Maltese



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The Maltese is a small, white dog with a long, silky coat. They are known for their gentle and affectionate nature, and make great companion dogs. Maltese are relatively easy to care for, but there are a few things you should know before bringing one home.

History

The Maltese is one of the oldest dog breeds in the world, with a history that dates back over 2,000 years. They are thought to have originated in the Mediterranean region, and were brought to Malta by the Phoenicians. The Maltese were popular among the ancient Greeks and Romans, and were often depicted in art and literature.

In the Middle Ages, the Maltese were prized by the nobility and were often used as lap dogs. They were also popular among wealthy merchants and

traders, who would often take them on their travels.

The Maltese were brought to England in the 16th century, and quickly became a popular breed among the upper classes. They were also popular in the United States, and were recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1888.

Temperament

The Maltese is a gentle and affectionate dog that makes a great companion. They are very loyal and devoted to their family, and are always happy to see you. Maltese are also very playful and love to be entertained. They are great with children and other pets, and make great family dogs.

Maltese are very intelligent and can be easily trained. They are also very eager to please, which makes them a joy to train. However, Maltese can be a bit stubborn at times, so it is important to be patient and consistent with training.

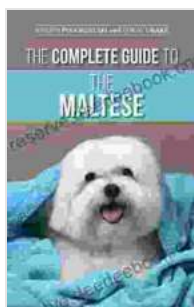
Care

Maltese are relatively easy to care for, but there are a few things you should know before bringing one home.

- **Exercise:** Maltese do not require a lot of exercise, but they do need to be walked regularly to stay healthy. A short walk around the block once or twice a day is sufficient.
- **Grooming:** Maltese have a long, silky coat that requires regular brushing. You should brush your Maltese at least once a week to prevent mats and tangles. You should also bathe your Maltese every few weeks to keep their coat clean and healthy.

- **Feeding:** Maltese should be fed a high-quality diet that is specifically formulated for small breed dogs. You should feed your Maltese twice a day, and make sure to follow the feeding guidelines on the food package.
- **Health:** Maltese are generally healthy dogs, but they are prone to a few health problems, such as cataracts, glaucoma, and patellar luxation. It is important to take your Maltese to the vet for regular checkups to catch any health problems early.

The Maltese is a great companion dog that is perfect for families with children or other pets. They are gentle, affectionate, and easy to care for. If you are looking for a loving and loyal dog, the Maltese is the perfect breed for you.



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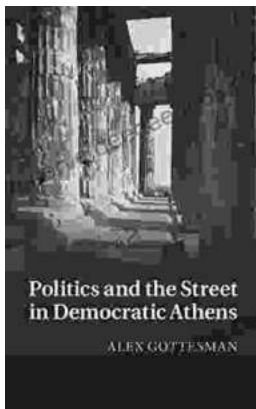
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