L3A’s Personal Paperanian Breed Standard

A Companion Toy Breed Developed from the Papillon and Pomeranian

General Appearance

The Paperanian is a small, elegant toy dog that combines the graceful refinement and athleticism of the Papillon with the luxurious coat and confident presence of the Pomeranian. The breed should present an alert, balanced, and lively appearance without appearing fragile or exaggerated. The ideal Paperanian is intelligent, agile, affectionate, and full of personality while remaining sound in structure and movement.

Breed Purpose

Originally developed as a companion dog, the Paperanian excels as a family companion, performance toy breed, therapy dog, and trick dog. The breed should possess both beauty and athletic ability.

Size

Height: 8–12 inches

Weight: 5–12 pounds

Overall balance is more important than exact size.

Proportion

Slightly longer than tall or nearly square.

Medium bone with a sturdy yet elegant frame.

Head

The head is moderately rounded with a refined wedge shape.

Expression

Bright, intelligent, inquisitive, and cheerful.

Eyes should sparkle with curiosity.

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Skull

Slightly rounded but not domed.

Muzzle

Fine but well-developed.

Scissors bite.

Black nose and well-pigmented lips.

Eyes

Medium-sized.

Oval to slightly rounded.

Well set apart.

Expression should be alert, friendly, and intelligent.

Ears

Large in proportion to the head with medium to full feathering.

Ear carriage:

- Fully erect
- Butterfly-style Papillon ears

Neck

Moderately long.

Flows smoothly into well-laid shoulders.

Body

Compact yet athletic.

Level topline.

Moderately deep chest.

Well-sprung ribs.

Firm loin.

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Tail

Set high.

Carried proudly over the back in a graceful plume.

Abundant feathering

Forequarters

Well-laid shoulders.

Straight forelegs.

Small, oval feet.

Hindquarters

Moderate angulation.

Strong thighs.

Parallel movement.

Good drive without exaggeration.

Coat

Light double coat preferred, with the heaviest over chest and hindquarters.

Outer coat long, straight, and silky with moderate fullness.

Soft, undercoat where present.

Profuse neck ruff.

Feathering on ears, backs of legs, and tail.

Color

All colors and patterns are acceptable, including:

- White and sable
- White and black
- White and red
- White and lemon
- Orange
- Cream
- Black
- Chocolate
- Blue

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- Parti-color
- Tricolor
- Sable
- Merle (never bred merle-to-merle)

Gait

Light, effortless, and free-flowing.

Quick, agile movement.

Good reach in front.

Strong drive from the rear.

Temperament

The ideal Paperanian is:

- Happy
- Alert
- Friendly
- Confident
- Curious
- Intelligent
- Playful
- Devoted to family

The breed should be outgoing without being reckless.

Reserved behavior toward strangers is acceptable, but aggression or excessive fearfulness is unacceptable.

Excellent with respectful children and generally sociable with other dogs, with continued socialization through puppy stages.

Intelligence

Highly trainable.

Eager to learn.

Excels in:

- Trick training
- Agility
- Rally
- Obedience
- Scent games
- Therapy work

Requires regular mental stimulation.

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Activity Level

Moderately energetic.

Daily walks plus active play satisfy exercise needs.

Enjoys hiking, agility, fetch, and puzzle games.

Capable of adapting equally well to apartments or country living.

Grooming

Brush 2–4 times weekly.

Seasonal shedding expected.

Regular bathing every 4–8 weeks.

Routine nail trimming, and ear cleaning recommended.

Routine dental care required.

Health

Breeders should screen breeding stock for:

- Patellar luxation
- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)
- Cardiac disease
- Breed genetic conditions (Cone-Rod Dystrophy I - PRA (crd -4/cord I, rcd3),Factor VII Deficiency,Neuroaxonal Dystrophy (Papillon Type),Congenital Methemoglobinemia, Degenerative Myelopathy,Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy/Krabbe's Disease,Hyperuricosuria, von Willebrand's Disease Type I

Longevity: 13–16 years.

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Breed Characteristics

Characteristic	Rating
Affection with Family	★★★★★
Good with Children	★★★★☆
Good with Other Dogs	★★★★☆
Openness to Strangers	★★★★☆
Playfulness	★★★★★
Trainability	★★★★★
Intelligence	★★★★★
Energy Level	★★★★☆
Adaptability	★★★★★
Watchdog Ability	★★★★☆
Barking	★★★★☆
Grooming Needs	★★★★☆
Shedding	★★★★☆
Drooling	★☆☆☆☆

L3A Personal Breed Motto

"Born to Charm. Bred to Shine”

The ideal Paperanian combines the elegance and athleticism of the Papillon with the confidence, luxurious beauty, and spirited charm of the Pomeranian. The result is a highly intelligent, adaptable companion that is equally at home performing in agility, learning tricks, or simply sharing everyday life with its family.

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This breed standard was created by “L3A” for our breeding program, breeding Paperanians with purpose - please note, this is a designer breed and other breeders may not have a standard they attain for.