

Teacup Statement

The AKC Breed Standard recognizes Chihuahuas in two varieties: Smooth Coat and Long Coat. There is no official size classification within the breed. All AKC-registered Chihuahuas are part of the Toy Group, regardless of their weight or stature.

Terms like "Teacup," "Miniature," "Pocket Size," and "Tiny Toy" are not recognized and are often used to mislead buyers or inflate prices. These labels are inaccurate and contribute to confusion about the breed.

Chihuahuas naturally vary in size. A smaller puppy is simply a small Chihuahua—not a separate type. Using unofficial size terms misrepresents the dog and is discouraged.

While very small Chihuahuas can be healthy, they may require extra care. Buyers should be informed and cautious when considering unusually small puppies.



The Chihuahua Club of America does not endorse the use of size-based labels and encourages all fanciers to focus on breed standard, health, and responsible breeding.