

## The Coton de Tuléar's personality

The Coton is a happy, lively little dog with a big, clownish personality.

They are extremely affectionate, which means they can suffer from separation anxiety but this makes them a loyal companion. If it was possible to be licked to death, then this would definitely be a risk with the Coton breed as they are very much "kissers"!

Some like to sit on their owner's lap while others prefer to lie by their feet, but most like to follow you from room to room, even when you try to use the bathroom! If he is sleeping, you can be sure that he will become alert as soon as you try to leave the room.

Whether you have been away from him for 5 minutes or 5 hours, you can be sure that you will receive the most amazing welcome when you see him, with lots of running in circles and an abundance of those kisses already mentioned!

Cotons are intelligent and eager to please meaning training can be fun and not too difficult... as long as they are rewarded with lots of praise and plenty of treats! They love routine and will quickly understand what you want from them.

One of their most endearing traits is the "Coton head tilt".... they will listen intently to you, cocking their head as if taking in everything you are saying. He may also talk back to you and as you get to know his personality, you will understand exactly what he is saying. They also have the best "doggy smile" of any breed.

They can sometimes be vocal, particularly when guarding you from the nasty postman or when the doorbell rings but effective training can help to reign in this behaviour if it is not appreciated. Thanking your Coton for warning you of the imminent danger and offering a treat will usually satisfy him!

Cotons like walking and are very sociable, enjoying meeting new dogs and their owners as they often welcome a cuddle from absolutely anyone.

They love playtime and will fetch their favourite toy to instigate a game with you. This playfulness extends to being keen on obedience training or agility. A game most Cotons enjoy playing is "find the treat" as they love to hunt, particularly when the end result is a yummy treat!

The Coton really is a wonderful addition to a growing family or a loyal companion to a single person wishing to share their home with a new pet.

