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A voluntary Nationwide Puppy Register is operated by a very dedicated individual who can be contacted by telephone on 01243 862169. Please be respectful, no calls before 10am or after 7pm. There is also a Facebook page - [Papillon Puppy Register UK](#) - Puppies are not always available so it may be worthwhile considering giving a forever home to one of the Papillons available for Rehoming.

Please engage in lots of research to discover which breed of dog is best for you and your situation. If you decide to pursue the Papillon as your chosen breed there are a number of sources of information to recommend in the first instance.

There are 5 Breed Clubs operating in the UK, it is recommended that you approach the one in your area and even consider joining one as a member. Each will be happy to provide you with the information that you need:

**The Papillon (Butterfly Dog) Club:**

[www.papillonclub.co.uk](http://www.papillonclub.co.uk)

[E.secretary@papillonclub.co.uk](mailto:E.secretary@papillonclub.co.uk)

Secretary: Mr B Lees - T. 07876 207554

The Papillon Club of Scotland:

[www.papillonclubofscotland.co.uk](http://www.papillonclubofscotland.co.uk)

Secretary: Mrs E Davidson - T. 01698 304004

The South Wales Papillon Club:

[www.southwalespapclub.com](http://www.southwalespapclub.com)

Secretary: Mr L Stanbury - T. 01392 369759

The South of England Papillon Club:

[www.southpapclub.co.uk](http://www.southpapclub.co.uk)

Secretary: Rev K Wells - T. 01747 823562

The Northern & Eastern Counties Papillon Club:

[www.necpapillonclub.co.uk](http://www.necpapillonclub.co.uk)

Secretary: Miss W Waters - T. 07968 625083

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## ***Papillon Rescue & Rehoming Service***

The aim of our service is to help any Papillon in the UK in need of assistance. Rescue and re-homing has been part of the Club's activities for a number of years, as the breed has increased in popularity the need to find new homes has become more evident.



Papillons can find themselves in need of our services for a number of reasons; death of an owner; owner no longer able to care for them due to age or illness, changes in circumstances such as the break up of marriages or partnerships; the list can be endless.

As a rescue and rehoming service we do our best to find suitable new homes, dealing sympathetically with their owner and minimising the stress to the Papillons themselves.

In addition to finding new permanent homes we are also able to find foster homes in the event that owners are unable to care for their Papillons because of a short illness or a temporary stay in hospital.

To find out more about how you might be able to help one of our needy Papillons, please contact our dedicated Rescue number 07856 267328 or email: [rescue@papillonclub.co.uk](mailto:rescue@papillonclub.co.uk). If you are able to offer anything from a temporary foster home to carrying out a home check, providing transport to a new home and everything in between we'd love to hear from you.

We're also on Facebook - [Papillon - Butterfly Dog Club - Rescue and Rehoming Services](#).

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# ***The Papillon***

## ***Breed Information Leaflet***



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## Origins of the Breed

The origin of the Papillon is the subject of a number of theories, however, it is generally accepted that the breed is descended from the European Toy Spaniels that feature in many Court paintings from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century onwards.

These Toy Spaniels were firm favourites with the ladies of the Court and indeed it is rumoured that Marie Antoinette's own Toy Spaniel Coco, accompanied her to the guillotine. It is also generally accepted that the breed evolved in France and Belgium.



Known for its large erect ears, it is perhaps surprising to learn that the forerunner of the modern day Papillon was the drop eared Toy Spaniel and although a few examples of the erect eared Papillon can be found, the earliest known featuring in a portrait

by Jacob Bogdani (1660 - 1724), it was not until perhaps the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century that the erect eared Papillon came to prominence.

Despite the dominance of these erect ears there remains a drop eared variety of the breed, the Phalene, and although still small in number here in the UK, the variety does have much support on the continent.

More about this charming variety of the breed can be learnt by visiting <http://www.phalenes.com>



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## The Papillon (Butterfly) & Phalene (Moth)

The following comments apply equally to the Papillon and the Phalene, the term Papillon is used merely for convenience and because, in the UK, it is the more popular of the two varieties at the present time.

The Papillon is a happy lively little dog, extremely intelligent and quite certain in its own mind that it is really a large dog in a small body.



They love to learn and they can be found happily taking part in Agility, Obedience and Heelwork to Music - even Flyball.

Long walks pose no problems for these lively outgoing little dogs and neither does curling up on a comfortable chair at home with their owners once the activities of the day are over.

A few minutes grooming each day will ensure that the fine silky coat of your Papillon will remain free from tangles.

A member of the Toy Group, the Papillon should be between 8 to 11 inches height at the shoulders, with fine bone. The Papillon is a relatively healthy breed and whilst Patella luxation and more recently PRA has appeared in the breed, generally they are sound.

There are also a small number of DNA tests available to help establish the future health of the breed. Once carried out these should be recorded by the Kennel Club and will appear on the registration documents.

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## Buying a Papillon

Buying any dog is not something to be undertaken without first giving it a great deal of thought.

Is it the right breed for your family circumstances?



Perhaps a Papillon is not an ideal choice to have with very young children or to mix with larger dogs, there are of course exceptions but accidents can and do happen and a small fine boned breed such as a Papillon does not always mix well with boisterous children or large dogs.

You must ensure you have the time to give to a dog; no dog should be left on its own for long periods of time. Papillons are lively intelligent dogs and need company and puppies of course need constant watching!

Should you decide a Papillon is the right dog breed for you, always treat your Papillon with the love and respect it deserves, in return you will be rewarded with years of love and enjoyment!

Always buy a dog from a reputable breeder, when you visit to purchase your puppy the breeder should be quite happy to let you see all their dogs and not just the mother of your puppy; and of course, a reputable breeder will be happy to answer the many questions you have and give you advice on a whole range of topics from grooming and bathing to care of teeth. Also expect them to ask you questions about your home environment, how secure is it, where your puppy will sleep, where it will be left when you go shopping and for how long.