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Poodles aren't the only ones

Many purebred dogs have low-shedding coats

Poodles are probably the best known low-shedding breed of dog with their distinctive curly coat that can be clipped into a number of different styles, but Poodles aren't the only breed of dog that suits allergy sufferers.

One such breed is the Portuguese Water Dog made famous thanks to Bo, the dog chosen by US President Obama's family.

While no dog can be guaranteed non-allergenic, dogs that shed less are less likely to leave allergens (such as dander and saliva) around the house and therefore less likely to aggravate allergies.

"We recommend that anyone suffering from allergies spend a good deal of time around a particular breed of dog before buying a puppy," said DOGS Victoria President Peter Frost. "That way you can see if the breed aggravates your allergies or not."

"Purebred dogs have predictable coats. *Every* poodle has a curly, low-shedding coat. The same cannot be said of crossbred or 'designer' dogs, which is why it is particularly important for allergy sufferers to choose a purebred."

Before purchasing any puppy, you should meet the entire litter and their mum and ensure they are all healthy, friendly animals. Ask about genetic tests and make sure you get an ANKC (Australian National Kennel Council) registration certificate and pedigree with your pup. That's the only way to ensure it is a true purebred dog.

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Some examples of low-shedding purebred dogs include:

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| Afghan Hound | Kerry Blue Terrier |
| Airedale Terrier | Lagotto |
| Australian Silky Terrier | Poodle (all sizes) |
| Bedlington Terrier | Portuguese Water Dog |
| Bichon Frise | Schnauzer (all sizes) |
| Cairn Terrier | Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier |
| Chinese Crested Dog | West Highland White Terrier |
| Dandie Dinmont Terrier | Whippet |
| Irish Water Spaniel | Yorkshire Terrier |

Visit www.dogsvictoria.org.au for more information on any of these breeds.

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A DOGS Victoria representative can be made available for interviews on a variety of topics including training tips, choosing the right dog, and general dog information.