

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

My Favorite Dog Breed by: Claire Nickerson





These are four pictures of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers. In the top left, you can see one in the water. They love the water and also love to swim.

Some Basic Information



The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, also known as the Toller, is one of the American Kennel Club's Gundogs. They were originally bred to 'toll' or lure waterfowl, hence their name. The way that the Toller unusually hunts these birds is that they will dance around the shore in a playful action and the birds, intrigued by this, will come close enough so that the hunters can shoot the birds. Then the Tollers will retrieve the birds and bring them back to their masters on either land or water. This was the way that the Toller got its name, from 'tolling' waterfowl. This is also one way that the Tollers are my favorite breed. Not many other dog breeds are trained this unique hunting skill.

Character and Looks



Character:

They are very smart and intelligent dogs that are easy to please. And according to The Complete Dog Breed Book by DK, they are also playful dogs that don't normally bark. They are very obedient which makes them excellent companion breeds. But they are tireless dogs that need lots of exercise. They also have very sweet personalities.

Looks:

They are often times mistaken for a small Golden Retriever. They only weigh 35-50 pounds and reach a maximum of 21 inches, (minimum is 17 inches). They can be colored either red or red gold. The only markings that they have are white markings which are usually on their toes, chest and muzzle and head.

First A Little History



Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers originally come from Nova Scotia Canada. The Tollers that we know today developed in Little River Harbour in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia Canada. The breed back then was called the Little River Duck Dog or the Yarmouth Toller. The earliest records of hunters using dogs like the Tollers today for tolling birds was back in the 17th century. The exact breedings of the Toller is unclear, however, the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club or the NSDTRC of the United States believe that there could have been spaniel, setter, and retriever type dogs in the mix. It is possible that some farm collies got into the mix as well. Even though we do not know what the Toller's ancestors are, they are still my favorite dog breed because of their neat background, although it still is a mystery.



This is where the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers were first bred and recognized as a breed.

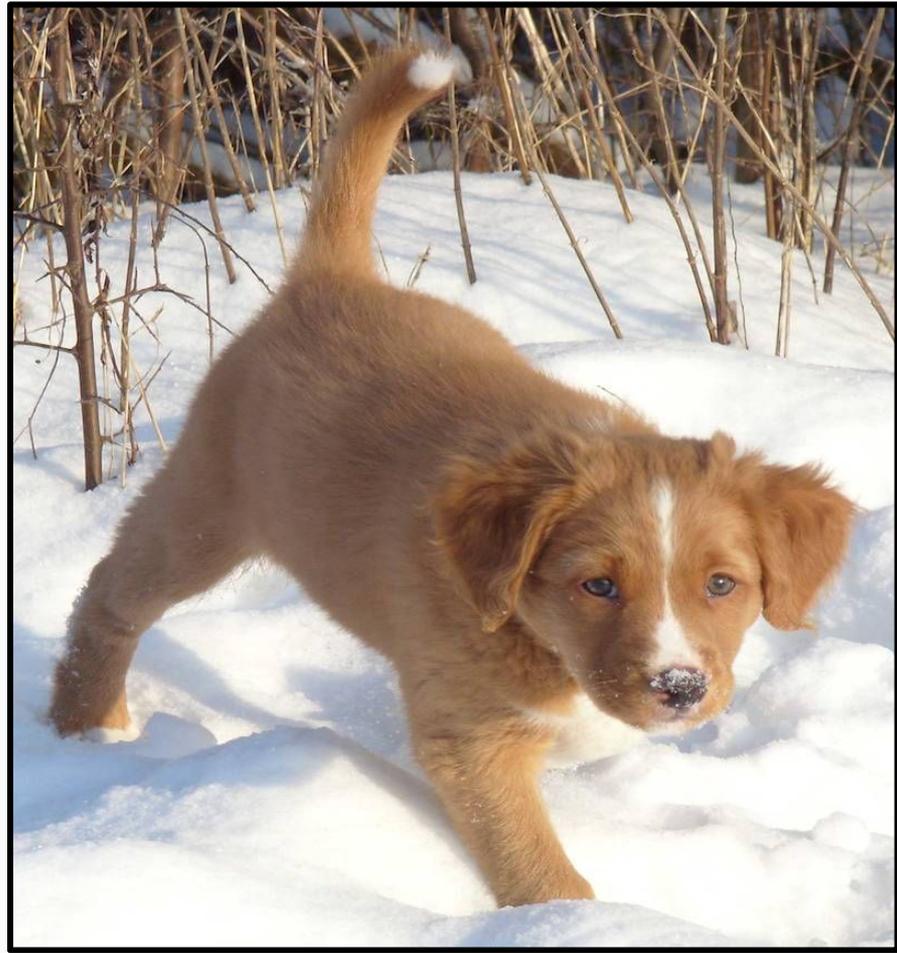
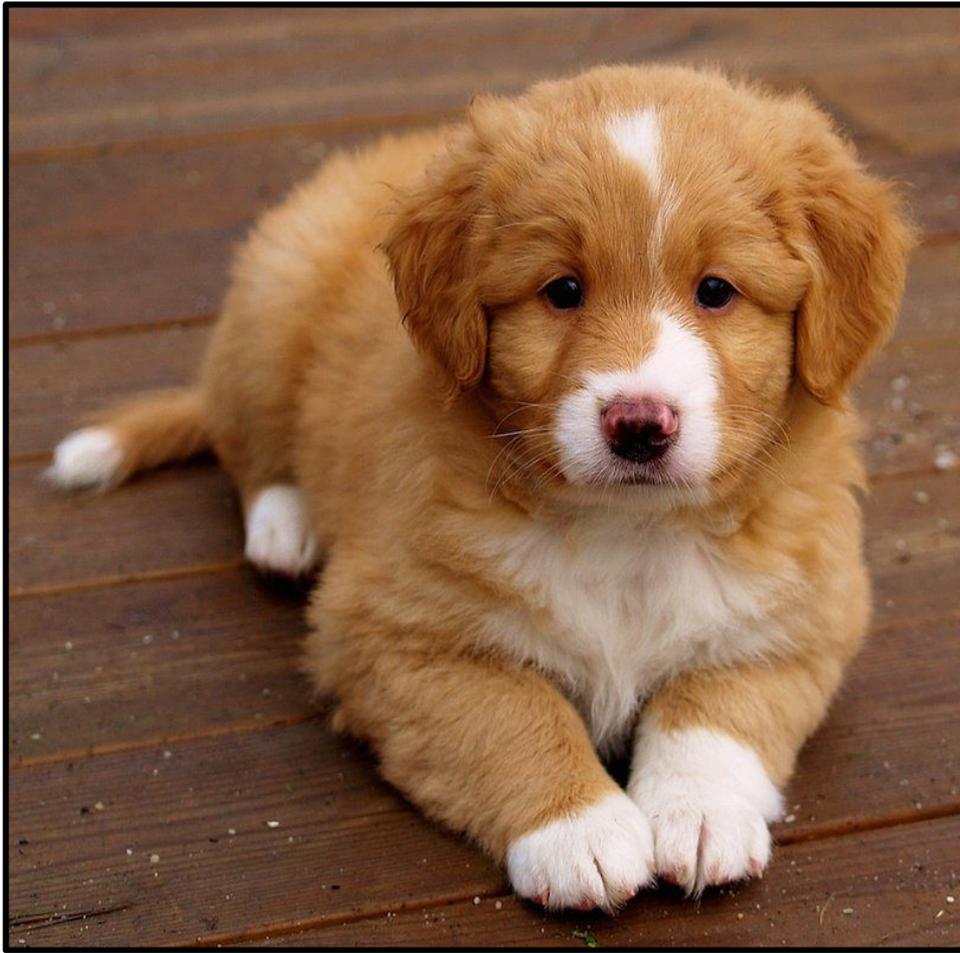
Fun Fact:

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THE NOVA SCOTIA DUCK
TOLLING RETRIEVER IS THE
87TH MOST POPULAR AKC
REGISTERED DOG BREED

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever is My Favorite Dog Breed Because...

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever is my favorite dog breed because I think that my dog is part Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. He is smaller, about the average size, and is very strong. He loves to play and while he is not the brightest dog, he does have the traditional white markings and gets along with our cat and all of our young cousins. Tollers are also my favorite breed because of their looks. I think that they are amazingly pretty dogs and seem to have great personalities. Although I have never met a Toller in person, I do hope I will get to some day. I might even think of owning one when I get older. All parts of the Toller I think are very interesting. Their looks, their sweet and spunky personalities and their mysterious background.



Some Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers that I would like to own

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