

Transition Words

Transition words help your text flow, and show readers the relationship between phrases and paragraphs. Transition words connect ideas and sentences.

To practice how to use these words, fill in the blank with words from the word box, that make sense. Sometimes there will only be one word that will work, and other times, a number of options will work.

Condition

If
In that case
In case
Unless

Doberman Pinscher vs. Miniature Pinscher

35% of Canadian homes own a dog. _____ you are considering getting a dog, consider these two options: the Doberman, and the Miniature Pinscher (min pin).

Many people think that Min Pins were developed by breeding Dobermans to progressively smaller sizes, and indeed, they look similar to Dobermans. However, the Min Pin is a distinct and much older breed. _____ you knew about their lineage, it would be easy to assume that a Min Pin, was just a Doberman relative, or Doberman puppy.



Min pins need a lot of exercise, so _____ you have time to spend outdoors with a dog, the Min Pin might not be for you. However, they adapt well to living in an apartment. _____, even if you don't have a backyard, as long as you can walk the Min Pin, then they should be able to get enough exercise. Interestingly, Min Pins do not tolerate cold weather - _____ you live somewhere very cold for several months of the year, this breed might struggle to get exercise indoors, during winter months. The Min Pin weighs around 8-11 pounds. _____ you require a smaller dog, the Min Pin is an excellent choice.

The Doberman is a different breed. While the Doberman descends from Rottweilers, Min Pins descended from Greyhounds and Dachshunds. The Doberman was bred to be a guard dog. _____, if you are looking for a guard dog, then the Doberman is an excellent choice. Dobermans typically weigh 80 to 100 pounds. _____ your preference is for a larger dog, the Doberman is for you. In the Second World War, the US adopted Dobermans as their #1 war dog. _____ you were wondering, they are also the 16th most popular dog to own, today, in the United States. Similar to the Min Pin, the Doberman does not tolerate colder weather. _____, _____ you live in a cold climate, and plan on winter hiking with your dog, perhaps the Doberman is not the choice for you.