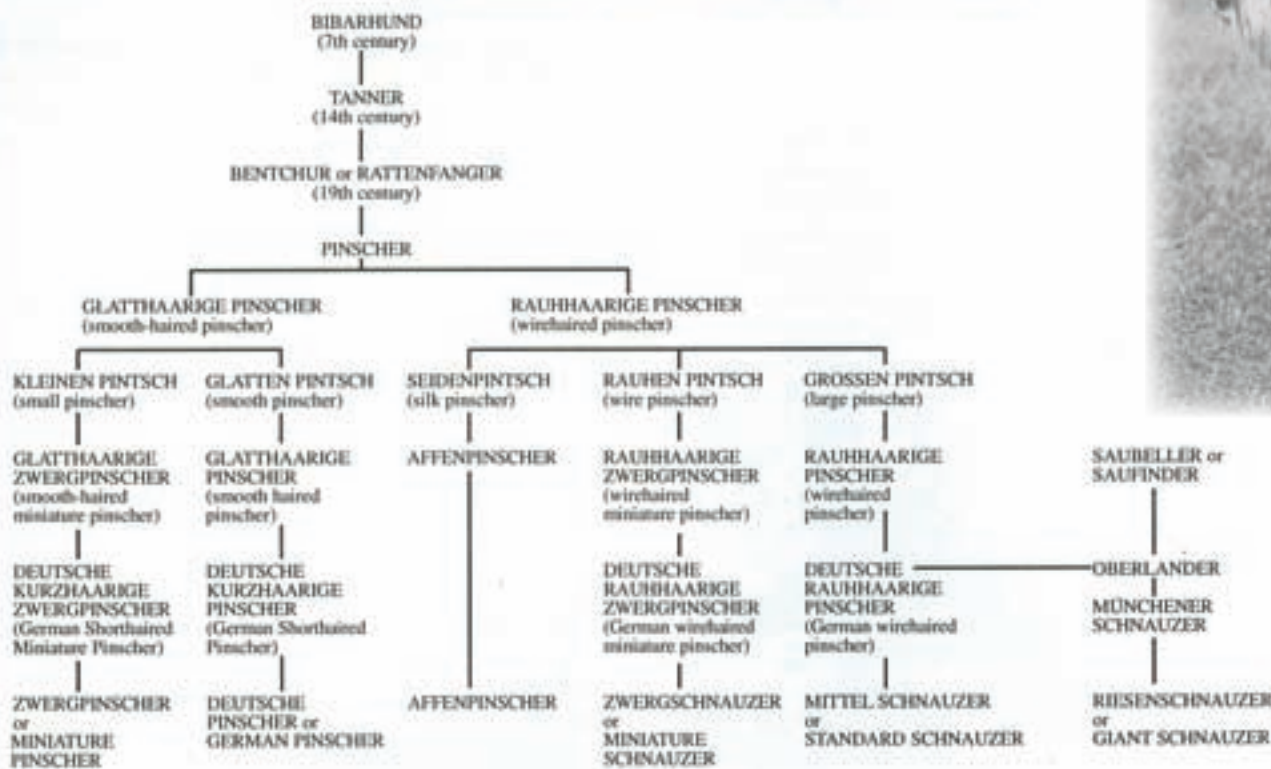




Evolution of the Pinscher-Schnauzer Family and Its Names



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Since time immemorial, a typical kind of dog shared the life of the southern German rural population. The species was about nineteen inches tall, had either a smooth or wiry coat of an inconspicuous color ranging from brown over gray to black. Known as the bentchur or rattenfänger, they were mainly used as watchdogs and vermin killers in and around the homesteads. From this primal stock, modern cynology has developed well-defined pinschers and schnauzers of different sizes, coats, and colors.

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