

Krampus Run is an old tradition. Young men  
They wore fur suits. They wore

## Explained by Science!

Dwarfism is a medical condition. It refers to having a short build. People with dwarfism are usually shorter than 4 feet (1.2 meters). Some people with dwarfism have the same size body parts. Some people with dwarfism have shorter body parts. Dwarfism can be caused by abnormal bone growth. Achondroplasia is the most common form of dwarfism. It starts at birth. About one in 30,000 babies has it. They may suffer some health problems. But people with dwarfism are smart. They have formed groups. They want to help each other. Science has also created helpful tools for people with dwarfism. They have cars, clothing, furniture, and medical tools they are able to use. Some dogs have achondroplasia. They have short legs. Examples are dachshunds, basset hounds, corgis, and bulldogs.

They live in groups. Each group has its own leader. Each group also has its own army. Dwarfs live together. They work together. They live for hundreds of years. There are more male dwarfs than females.

They look like humans. But they're shorter. They're about 3 feet (1 meters) tall. They're stocky. They have a lot of muscles. They're ugly. They have big heads. They have big hands. They have big feet. They have humped backs. They have pale skin. They look old. They're hairy. Their hair is white. Males have long beards.

*Dwarfs are also called Earth-Men.*

