

SHOULD YOU BUY A YORKSHIRE TERRIER?

Anyone that enjoys small dogs with big attitudes should consider a Yorkshire Terrier. This dog is certain it is just as big and bad as the other guy and will not hesitate to take on a Pitt Bull. This dog is also loveable and will cuddle like any other lapdog.



This dog is a member of KUSA's Toy Group. In the show ring this dog appears to glide across the floor because its long flowing coat hides its tiny feet. This breed can be as small as 500g although most breeders do not recommend breeding dogs this small. When dogs are bred to be this small, health is often sacrificed. KUSA calls for this breed to be less than 3.2 kg but does not set a minimum required weight.

This breed is ideal for apartment life. Like any dog it will enjoy a fenced yard to play in but doesn't require it. Some Yorkies do not even go outdoors and are litter trained instead. If the dog is not walked daily it must have some other sort of exercise such as playing fetch. It is important that there are no gaps between a fence and the ground as this breed loves to explore. Since the animals are so small and cute they don't always have a chance to return home before someone takes the dog home thinking it is lost or abandoned. It is also essential that swimming pools are safely fenced as too many Yorkies die too soon from a watery death.

This breed is social and loves being in the midst of family life. Homes with toddlers should not purchase this breed because the dogs are delicate and can easily be injured. A Yorkie with a good temperament will allow children to squeeze poke and pull on it and it is unfair to subject a small dog to that treatment.

This dog should be taken to obedience classes as it has a tendency to become stubborn. Obedience training may very well save the dog's life if you are able to call it back if it escapes.

This breed suffers few serious health problems. It does have dental issues such as retained baby teeth. This breed can also suffer from hernia or hypoglycaemia especially with the so called Teacup and Pocket sized breeds.

This breed doesn't eat much and shouldn't be spoiled with soft food. Dry food is important to keep the dog's teeth in good health. They also need to be rewarded with a treat and although it is a treat it should be nutritious. (Recipe for nutritious treats)



Yorkies should be groomed three times a week to keep their hair from matting. Dogs with silky coats may only require weekly grooming. The dog's teeth should be brushed several times a week to alleviate dental problems.

If you have the patients to give your Yorkie the required attention and if you are looking for a small dog with a lot of spunk, intelligence and love then you should consider the Yorkshire Terrier toy breed.

