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## dog breed guide...

### **Yorkshire Terrier**

The Yorkshire Terrier is one of the most popular breeds of dog in this country. It is perfect for a number of households; the elderly, families with children and homes with limited space. The Yorkshire Terrier is a petite breed and takes up little space and doesn't eat huge amounts. Yorkie's are very sociable and inquisitive dogs who enjoy going out on walks. Traditionally they are a hunting dog having been previously used in mines to hunt and kill vermin such as rats.

#### **Temperament**

They are very wary of strangers and if they hear an unfamiliar noise when at home, they will often send out a warning bark. The Yorkshire Terrier is a very affectionate dog and responds very well to being given a loving home. They do, however, possess an independent streak which can easily be tackled at a young age by socializing with other dogs and learning its position as student and not master. You may see signs of its past when out in the garden having been used as a hunter and killer in the mines, but don't let this put you off as it can offer so much to many people. If someone wants to own a dog that can be a pampered pooch then the Yorkshire Terrier certainly fits the bill.

#### **Size and Coat**

Daily combing is essential because as a result of the long coat this dog will end up with matted and tangled areas. Not everybody has the time to groom their Yorkie regimentally each day so you can cut the coat short which will mean you spend less time grooming your dog. The Yorkshire Terrier is a very popular show breed and you will see this breed strutting its stuff at Crufts, modelling its silky coat with pride. This breed can be up to 25cm in height (10") and weigh approximately 3kg.

#### **Life Expectancy**

12-16 years