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## dog breed guide...

### **Border Terrier**

The Border Terriers instinctive character and role is still clear to see even when he is a family pet. They are a working terrier which was originally bred to work fox and other animals. They have absolutely bundles of energy as with other working breeds. As a result this breed needs plenty of walks to keep him happy and healthy. They are an intelligent breed of dog but can be stubborn when being trained if there is something more interesting he would rather be doing or chasing.

#### **Temperament**

A Border Terrier will make a fantastic and loyal family pet. They do possess some tendencies which aren't too desirable to every owner. For many years Borders have been bred to chase and kill vermin and it is to be expected and understood that you may see glimpses of this behaviour when out walking, certainly the chasing. Even today they are used to deal with rats and mice, especially in poultry housing and they are a very efficient tool to use. They are very inquisitive and do make a good family pet as they are good with children and respond well to attention and love. They are full of character and have a willingness to learn.

#### **Size and Coat**

They have a double coat, the outer coat is coarse and harsh whereas underneath its coat is soft in order to keep warm. The coat does need to be hand stripped about twice a year. The average weight for a dog is 13-15.5lbs and bitches 11.5-13lbs. The dog on average will be between 33-41cm in height and bitches 28-36cm. There are a few different coat colours, including, red, wheaten, grizzle-and-tan or blue-and-tan.

#### **Life Expectancy**

12-15 years