

The Yorkshire Terrier in Brief:

*Yorkshire Terriers are big dogs in little bodies. Originally bred as ratters, they maintain the terrier personality.

*Outgoing, independent, fearless and at times stubborn, Yorkies may not be for someone who is looking for a mild mannered dog.

*Talk to Yorkie owners about their dogs to see if it's the breed for you.



A Yorkshire Terrier Should:

* Conform to the written Standard, which describes the appearance and characteristics of the breed (www.ytca.org)

* Be 7 pounds or under. Some will grow larger. There are no "teacup" or "miniature" Yorkies.

* Be characterized by a long flowing blue and tan silky coat. Puppies are born black and tan and their color gradually changes to blue and tan.

* Be a healthy and long-lived companion.

The Problem of Popularity

* The Yorkshire Terrier is one of the most popular AKC Breeds. Unscrupulous and ill informed breeders try to profit by this popularity by deceptive claims and elaborate websites.

Beware of Breeders Who.....

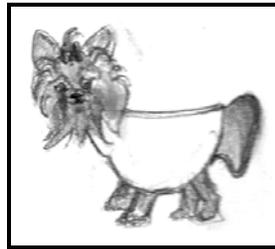
*Advertise "rare" colors. There are **no "rare" colored Yorkies**. Solid brown, solid blue, "gold" or tri-colored Yorkies are mismarks. Reputable breeders do not breed for these colors. Such colors are a disqualification under the Breed Standard and cannot be shown in AKC shows.

* Advertise "teacup" or "miniature". There are no size distinctions in Yorkies.

* Boast of Champion lines many generations back.

* Are willing to sell you a Yorkie without knowing anything about you.

* Do not offer a written contract or guarantee.

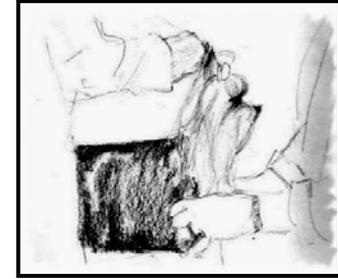


A Word About "Designer" Dogs

* There is **no such thing** as a Designer Breed. These are mixed breeds, being sold for purebred or higher prices. Terms such as Yorkiepoos, Morkies, Chorkies, Shorkies, Dorkies are made up names! They are not breeds.

* So called "Designer Dogs" are often promoted as being healthier. While all breeds and mixed breeds are subject to certain genetic problems. "Designer Dogs" may be at even greater risk. The breeders are often using less than quality parents and are poorly informed about the genetic background of the parents.

A Reputable Breeder Will....



* Want to know as much about you as you do about them. They are concerned with the well-being of their puppies and making sure the puppy is a good fit for you.

*Will be knowledgeable and open about the pros, cons and health of the breed. Will discuss spay and neutering.

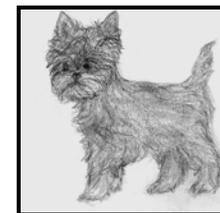
*Will not sell a Yorkie puppy prior to 12 weeks of age, because of problems that may occur with a younger puppy.

* Will be happy for you to meet the puppy at their kennel or home. They will not ask to meet you elsewhere.

* Will not be selling puppies through pet stores, at auctions or flea markets.

* Will provide a written contract with health guarantees and detailed records of the puppy's health care.

*Will always be available for questions or concerns as their primary concern is the welfare of the puppy.



Yorkshire Terrier Club of America

About The Yorkshire Terrier Club of America

The Yorkshire Terrier Club of America is the AKC Parent Club of the breed. The purpose of the YTCA is to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Yorkshire Terriers and do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

There are over 500 members of YTCA. In order to become a member of the Club, an individual must be known by and sponsored by two members and agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics of the Club. These may be read on the YTCA's website, www.ytca.org.

Information about the breed and a breeder's referral list are also available on the website.

Thank you to Patty Coyne, YTCA member for the Yorkie illustrations.



Choosing the Right Yorkshire Terrier



Check out our website:

Learn more about Yorkies

Learn about health issues

Locate a reputable breeder

www.ytca.org

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