

Terriers



Airedale Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 45-50 lbs

Height Range: 22-24 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Maybe troublesome with other dogs; Requires lots of physical exercise; Good watchdog; Needs good obedience training; Good with children when introduced early in life; Do not shed

Daily Exercise: 1 hour

Daily Care: brushing several times a week, professional

stripping and clipping every few months

Colors: Black/Tan, Grizzle/Tan

Life Expectancy: 13 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, hypothyroidism, bleeding disorders, von Willebrand's disease

Possible Behavior Problems: excessive barking, jumping on people, restlessness, destructiveness, aggression toward other dogs, territoriality

Use today: companion, guarding

First Bred For: badger/otter/bear/wolf hunting, wartime guard, messenger duty, rodent control, police duty

Character Traits: strong, stubborn, tough, courageous, very independent, distinct sense of humor, excellent companions, gentle, loyal

American Staffordshire Terrier



Country of Origin: United States

Weight Range: 40-50 lbs

Height Range: 17-19 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Requires minimal grooming; Good watchdog; Difficult to obedience train; May be troublesome with other dogs; Needs early socialization; Needs firm, good, early training; Can be good with children they know; Needs a secure fence; Sheds a little

Daily Exercise: 35 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black, Brindle, Blue, Fawn, Brown, Liver, Red, White, and Combinations of the above

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: hip dysplasia, tumors, thickened lower jaw, cataracts, hypothyroidism, cruciate ligament ruptures, cancer

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance, territoriality, restlessness, house soiling, aggression towards other dogs, destructiveness, biting

Use today: companion

First Bred For: bull baiting/fighting, guarding

Character Traits: intelligent, excellent guardians, can be extremely gentle and affectionate with people, potentially lethal with other dogs, stubborn, dominant, aggressive with strangers, loves to play and snuggle



Bedlington Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 17-23 lbs

Height Range: 15-17 in

Lifestyle: Good with children if exposed early in life; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Unsuitable for outdoor living; Thrives; Easily obedience trained; Good watchdog; Sheds very little; Not good with other animals; Low indoor energy

level; Good for older people

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: weekly combing, professional grooming every two months

Colors: Blue, Liver, Sandy, Tan, Blue/Tan, Liver/Tan

Life Expectancy: 14-15 years

Possible Health Problems: kidney disease, thyroid deficiency, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy, retinal dysplasia, liver disease, blindness, detached retina, patellar luxation

Possible Behavior Problems: aggression, incompatibility with other pets, fighting with other animals, excessive barking, house soiling, snapping, destructive if lacks physical activity

Use today: companion

First Bred For: rat/badger/fox hunting

Character Traits: desire to “search and destroy”, terrier’s need for mental stimulation, high-spirited, loves to play, calm indoors



Border Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 11.5-15 lbs

Height Range: 10-11 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Good watchdog; Gets along well with other dogs; Shed very little; Easy to obedience train; Weather resilient; Not good with small pets; Needs a secure fence

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Tri-color, Blue/Tan, Grizzle/Tan, Red, Wheaten, Black/Red, Black/Tan, Black/Grizzle, Blue/Grizzle, Red/Grizzle, Red Wheaten

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: congenital heart problems, hip dysplasia, disintegration of the hip joint, out of joint knees, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, autoimmune disease, heart murmurs, seizures, hypothyroidism

Use today: companion, hunt follower

Possible Behavior Problems: extreme timidity if not socialized as a puppy, possible hyperactivity if not exercised enough, chasing (and possible killing) of any small animal that comes into sight

First Bred For: ratting and worrying foxes from lairs

Character Traits: good tempered, affectionate, obedient, easily trained, amenable personality, superb family dog, very people-oriented, loyal, eager to please, excellent pet, active, love to play, can be calm “lap-dogs”



Bull Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 52-62 lbs

Height Range: 21-22 in

Lifestyle: Usually suitable with children; Suitable for urban living; Requires minimal grooming; May be troublesome with other dogs; Difficult to obedience trained; Good watchdog; Sheds little;

Does not bark often; Need firm, calm obedience training; Not for inexperienced owners; High indoor energy level

Daily Exercise: 20 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: White, Fawn, Red Smut, Fawn Smut, Brindle; Combinations of Black, Tan, Brindle, Red, White, and Fawn

Life Expectancy: 11-13 years

Possible Health Problems: patellar luxation, chronic skin inflammation, deafness, lens luxation, kidney degeneration, heart problems

Possible Behavior Problems: chewing, hostility towards other animals, stubbornness, willful disobedience, snoring

Use today: companion

First Bred For: dog fighting, companion

Character Traits: loves games and outdoor activities, do not bark without good reason, lower than average tendency to snap and bite, good with people, loyal, obedient, very affectionate, stubborn, has lots of energy, loves to play, likes to “clown” around,



Cairn Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Origin of Name: a *cairn* is a pile of stones used to mark graves or property lines, where rodents often lived

Weight Range: 13-16 lbs

Height Range: 10-12 in

Lifestyle: Likes with children, but can be rough; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for

hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Good watchdog; Easy to obedience train; Does not shed

Daily Exercise: 20 minutes

Daily Care: brushing three times a week

Colors: Black, Brindle, Cream, Gray, Red, Silver, Wheaten,

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: skin allergies, disintegration of the hip joint, knee luxation, a painful thickened lower jaw, progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts, glaucoma, kidney and blood problems

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance, stubbornness, guarding

Use today: companion

First Bred For: fox hunting and ratting

Character Traits: alert, intelligent, active, long-lived, likes to dig, terrier temperament, can be bossy, delightful companion, stubborn, hard-headed, cheerful, lively, loving, likes to do tricks, smart, independent, territorial



Dandie Dinmont Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 18-24 lbs

Height Range: 8-11 in

Lifestyle: Good with children; Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Gets along well with other dogs/pets; Good watchdog; Sheds only a little; Needs a secure fence;

May be difficult to obedience train; Needs early, regular training

Daily Exercise: 20 minutes

Daily Care: regular brushing, professional hand-stripping regularly

Colors: Mustard, Pepper

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: spinal disc problems, elbow deformities, glaucoma, hypothyroidism, knee or shoulder luxation

Possible Behavior Problems: digging, dominance, willful disobedience, object guarding, house soiling, snoring, territoriality

Use today: companion

First Bred For: badger/rat hunting

Character Traits: intelligent, "take-no-prisoners-alive" terrier mentality, remarkably docile, deep and massive bark, willing to fight when aroused, neither quarrelsome nor snappy, easygoing house dog, thrives on human companionship, extremely loyal, enjoys

vigorous exercise, affable, content playing in the house or backyard, bright, playful, affectionate, great companion, devoted to owner, determined digger, stubborn, strong-willed



Kerry Blue Terrier

Country of Origin: Ireland

Weight Range: 33-37 lbs

Height Range: 18-19 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living but needs some space; Requires a lot of grooming; Requires a lot of physical energy; Good watchdog; Does not shed; Good with children; Needs firm early training and

socialization;

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Daily Care: brushing once or twice a week, professional trim once a month

Colors: Black, Blue, Blue/Black, Blue/Gray, Blue/Silver, Silver, Silver Blue, Slate Blue, Gray

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: few -- cataracts, cysts, tumors, hip dysplasia, blood disorders

Possible Behavior Problems: aggression; stubbornness; guarding of food, places, objects, and family members; possible food stealing and excessive barking

Use today: companion, field trials, rat/rabbit hunting, police work, guarding

First Bred For: badger/fox/rat hunting

Character Traits: excellent guard and ratter and water retriever, a successful herder, stubborn, assertive, trainable, very loving, sturdy, loves outdoors, excellent indoor dog, good companion pet



Lakeland Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 15-17 lbs

Height Range: 13-15 in

Lifestyle: Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Thrives in cold climates; Content to live/sleep outdoors; Usually gets along with other dogs; Difficult to obedience trained; Good watchdog; Needs an

experienced owner with patience; Good with children; Suitable for urban living

Daily Exercise: 45 minutes

Colors: Black, Black/Tan, Blue, Blue/Tan, Grizzle/Tan, Liver, Red, Red Grizzle, Wheaten, Grizzle, Brindle, Liver/Tan

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: not prone to health problems, but, lens luxation, von Willebrand's disorder, elbow dysplasia, cataracts, and disintegration of the hip joint could be an issue

Possible Behavior Problems: dominance, wariness of strangers, excessive barking, picky eating, aggression towards other dogs, stubbornness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: protect sheep from fox, small mammal hunting/killing

Character Traits: agile, ruthless hunter, willing to take on large animals, single-minded terrier, hardy, competent on land and water, curious, active, does not dig, calmer and more stable and less excitable and less aggressive (for a terrier), strong, cheerful, affectionate, easily distracted, a "one-man dog", wary of strangers, loves to hike and explore, often bored and emotional



Manchester Terrier

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Weight Range: 11-22 lbs

Height Range: 15-16 in

Varieties: Toy and Standard

Lifestyle: Suitable for urban living; Suitable for hot, sunny climates; Does not require much grooming; Not easy to obedience train; May be

troublesome with other dogs; Good watchdog; Good with older children; Sheds little

Daily Exercise: 10 minutes (Toy), 35 minutes (Standard)

Daily Care: brushing once a week

Colors: Black/Tan, Black, Blue/Tan, Blue, Tan

Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

Possible Health Problems: seizures, progressive retinal atrophy, hypothyroidism, von Willebrand's disorder, disintegration of the hip joint

Possible Behavior Problems: house soiling, irritable snapping, excessive barking, attention-demanding, dominance, food-guarding or stealing

Use today: companion

First Bred For: ratting and rabbit hunting

Character Traits: short tempered, lively, robust, clean, responsive, gentle, odorless, excellent companions, overprotective of family, very affectionate to owners, wary of strangers, excellent hunters, do not "give up"



Miniature Schnauzer

Country of Origin: Germany

Origin of Name: “schnauze” is German for “snout” or “nose”

Weight Range: 13-15 lbs

Height Range: 12-14 in

Lifestyle: Good with children they have been raised with; Suitable for urban living; Can suffer from excessive heat; Thrives in cold climates; Requires a lot of

grooming; Gets along well with other dogs; Easy to obedience train; Good guard dog; Sheds very little

Daily Exercise: 35 minutes

Daily Care: weekly brushing, clipping or hand-stripping every few months (hand stripping for show dogs, most pet owners prefer a clip the coat instead)

Colors: Black, Black/Silver, Salt and Pepper

Life Expectancy: 14 years

Possible Health Problems: cataracts, corneal disorders, kidney stones, bleeding disorders, liver disease, heart disease, diabetes, skin conditions, cysts, epilepsy, von Willebrand’s disorder, pancreatitis, hypothyroidism

Possible Behavior Problems: nervous disposition, stealing and guarding food, excessive barking, dominance challenges, stubbornness

Use today: companion

First Bred For: ratting

Character Traits: less noisy and feisty than British terriers, calm, not snappy, an enthusiastic barker, fierce mouser, tireless, will play endlessly, wants to be a part of everything, enjoys love and attention, prefers positive reinforcement, calm, happy