



## New Year, New Breed

*There's a fresh face in the Toy Group.*

**O**n January 1, the AKC welcomed the Biewer Terrier as its 197th recognized breed. A shiny new toy to some, this Yorkie descendent has been around since the 1980s.

The breed is named for its founder, late German breeder Gertrud Biewer (pronounced *beaver*), whose Yorkie produced the first documented blue, white, and gold puppy. Breeders worked to set the charming, whimsical dog apart by its tri-colored coat, silky long hair, and signature ponytail. (In fact, topknots or “rollovers” seen in Yorkies or Maltese are considered serious faults in the Biewer Terrier standard.)

“This wonderful little dog makes a great companion for a variety of people, and we’re excited to introduce dog lovers to another fantastic breed that may be a perfect match for their family,” says AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. “As always, we encourage people to do their research to find the right breed for their lifestyle.”

Learn more about the Biewer Terrier by visiting [biewerterrierclubofamerica.org](http://biewerterrierclubofamerica.org).

