



## About the Yorkie

### Yorkshire Terrier

Small in size but big in personality, the Yorkshire Terrier makes a loving companion. Though small, the Yorkshire terrier is active, very overprotective, curious, and fond of attention. They will take over your home, take over your heart, and takeover your bed...

The **Yorkshire terrier** is a small dog breed of terrier type, developed during the 19th century in Yorkshire England, to catch rats in clothing mills. The defining feature of the breed is its maximum size of 7 pounds (3.2 kg), although some may exceed this and grow up to 15 pounds (6.8 kg). A popular companion dog, the Yorkshire Terrier has also been part of the development of other breeds, such as the Australian Silky Terrier. It has a grey, black, and tan coat, and the breed's nickname is *Yorkie* .

### The Coat

Yorkie's have hypoallergenic coats. The typical fine, straight, hair in comparison with many other breeds, Yorkie's do not shed to the same degree, only losing small amounts when bathed or brushed, and it is the dog's dander and saliva that trigger most allergic reactions. The Yorkshire Terrier coat is said to fall out only when brushed or broken, or just said to not shed.

### Temperament

Yorkie's are oblivious to their small size. They are eager for adventure and are highly energetic, brave, loyal and clever. Owners who take the time to understand them, the Yorkie is a wonderful companion and becomes part of the family. But you also need to show them who the leader of the pack is otherwise you will see a change in their temperament , they become yappy and they start to take over the house ( small dog syndrome). Yorkie's that become demanding & dependent, appearing to need a lot of your attention and/or developing jealous behaviours owners will need to rethink how they are treating their dog. Yorkie's are easy to train , although they can be stubborn if owners do not give them boundaries to follow. When you display pack leadership to the Yorkie it is very sweet and loving and can be trusted with children. Problems only arise when you allow the dog to take over your house and this happens without you realising it. They are the sweetest little furbabies that need owners who understand how to give them gentle leadership.

### Life Expentancy

About 12-15 Years

### Grooming

Regular grooming is needed. Keeping the hair shorter you will get away with brushing it 1-2 days a week. For longer coats they need combing and brushing daily. They should have their teeth cleaned regularly. The Yorkie breed sheds little to no hair. Invest in a good pin brush and tail comb.