



# Read about the Breed

Yorkshire Terrier

Toy Group



**Yorkies are a High Energy, Dynamic Dog with a Big Dog Attitude**

### Breed History:

- Yorkshire Terriers originated in the 1800's in the West Riding area of Yorkshire, England.
- Early Yorkies were used by miners, who wanted a ratter that could fit in their pocket.
- Yorkies are still one of the most popular dogs in Great Britain.
- The first U.S. litter was born in 1872 and the breed was AKC recognized in 1885.



### Keys to the Breed:

- High Energy Indoors
- Special Exercise Needs
- Special Grooming Needs
- Good Watchdog
- Good with Kids

### Breed Characteristics:

- **Appearance** — Yorkies are a small, compact dog with a glossy, fine, silky, straight, long coat. The hair on the top of the head is especially long, and is typically tied up with a bow, parted, or clipped. The coat is steel blue and gold, is darkest at the roots, and is parted down the middle of the back.
- **Grooming** — They need brushing and combing on a daily basis to prevent tangling of the coat. The nails and teeth should also be given regular attention.
- **Exercise** — Yorkies will get exercise tearing around the house, but also benefit from short walks.
- **Temperament** — They are independent dogs with a high energy level and a big dog attitude. They are intelligent, demanding, and protective of their masters. Yorkies will bark to signal the arrival of strangers, and are typically fine with other animals. Small children must treat them with care.

### Vital Stats:

- **Size** — Stands 7-9 inches at the shoulder on average
- **Weight** — Typically, does not exceed 7 lbs
- **Life span** — 12-14 years on average
- **Common Health Issues** — Pet shop puppies should be avoided due to hypoglycemia, patellar luxation, dental problems, seizures, and hair loss
- **Breed Clubs** — Yorkshire Terrier Club of America

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**AKC Standard Says:**  
*"The dog's high head carriage and confident manner should give the appearance of vigor and self-importance."*