



THE TERRIER

Airedale Terrier * Australian Terrier * Border Terrier * Cairn Terrier * Fox Terrier * Giant Schnauzer (also Herding/Guardian) * Irish Terrier * Jack Russell Terrier * Kerry Blue Terrier * Lakeland Terrier * Manchester Terrier * Miniature Schnauzer * Norfolk Terrier * Scottish Terrier * Sealyham Terrier * Skye Terrier * Welsh Terrier * West Highland Terrier * Wheaten Terrier (also Herding/Guardian) * Yorkshire terrier



What we bred them for ...

In order to rid our settlements and our stores of food of everything from mice and rats to foxes and badgers, we designed a breed of dog that was courageous to the point of insanity - a dog with no filter that would act before thinking. Since the 1300s, terriers have been employed to eradicate rodents and other pests with unrelenting perseverance.

You'll fall in love with your terrier because she is:

DYNAMIC

She has a big, fun, bold and witty personality.

INDEPENDENT

She isn't particularly clingy and knows how to self-entertain.

ALWAYS READY

At the drop of a hat, she's poised for action.

You might find a terrier hard to live with because she:

HAS A ONE-TRACK MIND

When she sets her sights on something, you may be invisible to her.

HAS A THING FOR LITTLE CRITTERS

She can be dangerous to animals she confuses with vermin.

HYPERACTIVE

You may wonder if she is ADHD due to the amount of energy she has.

Interests, Hobbies and Education

Your terrier is totally turned on by fast-moving objects and small fuzzy squeaking things. She is driven to hard work and to be persistent, as well as focused and intense about the activities she enjoys. The terrier is not exactly bred to follow your instructions. Rather, they were perfected to do pest control 24/7 with no help from us. You will have to treat every single moment as a learning moment and will need to stay one step ahead of her.





You might find yourself seeking professional help for:

- Difficulty following directions
- Dramatic or unmanageable behavior when waling on the leash
- Excessive barking in the house and yard
- Mischief and trouble making, such as digging up your garden or rummaging through the laundry basket, stirring things up with any family member or pet who she can get a rise out of, stealing things and ripping them into unrecognizable pieces
- Predatory behavior toward animals
- Obsessive spinning, tail-chasing, or preoccupation with toys or other targets like the TV
- Competitiveness or bossiness with other dogs in the home



Terrier Relationship Survival Key:

Don't get mad, get smart about her **LEARNING**. Work *with* her to show her how to get what she wants the right way; working against her interests is totally futile.

Exercise her brain and body with complex activities, puzzles and other challenges and be mindful of her hair-trigger reaction to excitement in the **ENVIRONMENT**.

Manage her **GENETIC** impulses. Be very cautious when she is around small animals, in light of her historical design.

Have patience and a sense of humor - you'll need them (**SELF**).



Ways to enrich your terrier's life:

Abundant physical exercise

- social and independent time outdoors, hiking, agility, flyball, triebball, parkour, dig boxes, flirt pole, swing pole, tether tug

Social opportunities

- social play, quality daycare

Challenge his nose and mind

- sniff walks, nosework, scatter feeding, freework, snuffle mat, tracking, barn hunt, rally, puzzle games, tricks, problem-solving activities



To learn more, pick up a copy of *Meet Your Dog* by Kim Brophey. This really is THE game-changing guide to Understanding your dog's behavior.

LEARNING - your dog's experiences and education

ENVIRONMENT - the many aspects of your dog's external world



GENETICS - the DNA that designed your dog inside and out

SELF - the unique interior world of your dog - health, age, sex, personality ...