

# Airedale Terrier



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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** They were believed to be created in Northern England about 1860's by crossing The Old English Terrier with the Otter Hound. Used in hunting fox, badgers, weasels, and otter. The Airedale was also used to hunt large game and used in Police work.

## **BREED APPEARANCE:**

The Airedale Terrier is a medium size dog; its height is 22 to 24 inches and weighs from 45 – 50 pounds. Its coat is wiry short with a soft undercoat. Its tail, saddle and back of the neck is black or mixture of black and red, and the rest of his body is tan, ears a shade darker tan. It has a goatee and whiskers giving him a distinguished look.

**WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:** Airedales are known for their sweet disposition, untiring courage, vigor, agility and great swimming ability. They have keen eyesight, hearing, and an excellent nose. The Airedale combines drive, boldness, intelligence, protectiveness, and fearlessness to make a good guard and watch dog.

**WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:** Their barking can become nuisance barking. Their protectiveness can become possessiveness, and its fearless, bold behavior and bite potential can become a hazard to people and dogs if not properly channeled or managed. Airedales are also very active.

# Perfect Pet Rating

## Overall Breed Rating

5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** They are very loyal and have a sweet disposition.

**MINUSES:** They can be a problem if they are not properly socialized and trained.

## **WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?**

If you are a couch potato, not very active and don't have the time to train this dog. If you need things calm or are a meek person this breed isn't for you.

## **DO THEY SHED?**

The coat sheds twice a year and should be stripped by a professional groomer.

## **WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?**

The Airedale is good with most children they are raised with, if the dog is trained and managed properly. However, **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

## **WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?**

High instinct to chase, catch and kill game. Generally good with animals they are raised with.

## **WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?**

They are a high energy dog. You need to take an active roll in exercising them and have a nice size backyard for them to run.

## **ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?**

This breed is intelligent and easy to train. Because they are instinctive guard dogs they need to be trained from puppy hood and continued through their adult life.

## **WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?**

There is little incident of cancer, some hypothyroidism, little hip Dysplasia, very few allergies, though sometimes itchy skin, so make sure you feed this dog a high quality dog food. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.