

Cairn Terrier



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 love life, are busy and always happy!

MINUSES: Cairns don't like to sit still. They are very vocal and dig will dig up your garden. They can also be rather mischievous.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog likes to explore and to chase. He was bred to hunt otter, rats and foxes. This dog is active with mischief on the mind. He will require a leash, fenced in yard and obedience training.

DO THEY SHED?

Their double coat sheds twice a year then minimally. Brushing your Cairn Terrier daily helps keep the fur from matting.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This dog will tolerate children that they are raised with if they are socialized as a pup. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They may get along with animals they are raised with but must be cautious with male to male interaction.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

The energy level depends on the dog, but they have active, inventive minds and need daily exercise.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Training and socialization is a must but don't expect they will always obey. They need to stay on leash unless in fenced areas.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

This is a hardy breed, but have several health concerns; cancer, allergies, cataracts, Heart defects, luxated patellae, and dental problems. Raise your dog on Premium quality food. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

The following information and opinions are based solely on Vladae, Bonny, A.C.T. and The Dog Wizard Inc.'s knowledge and experience and may not apply to every dog belonging to this breed. The overall temperament of a Cairn Terrier is based on many variables, which include: genetics, environment and the behavior of its owner(s). These variables can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of a dogs' performance and behavior. Please do your research carefully before selecting any breed of dog for you or your family!

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

One of the oldest strains of Cairn Terrier's, also known as Short-haired Skye Terrier, was founded by Captain Martin Macleod of Drynock, Isle of Skye. He bred a pack of silver grey Short-haired Skye Terriers for over forty years before moving to Canada in 1845. After that the Drylock strain was managed by Mr. John Macdonald who was also a gamekeeper to the Clan Chief Macleod of Mcleod, Dunvegan Castle. Another key player in the development of the Cairn was the Mackinnos of Kilbride. These strains all combined to form the foundation stock, which later was improved to the Cairns of today by Mrs. Alastair Cambell and Mary Hawke.

BREED APPEARANCE:

Cairn Terriers are small with a height of 9 to 12 inches and weigh from 13 – 16 pounds. They have a well balanced, compact body. They have small pointed ears standing erect. Their tail is in proportion to the head, carried high but not curled over the back. Their harsh weather proof double coat comes in any color except white. Their ears, muzzle and tip of tail could be darker in coloring than the rest of the body.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

Cairn Terriers are protective of their family and yard. This breed is tireless on walks and loves to explore everything.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

Cairn Terriers are always ready to slip away to chase anything that moves. They cannot be trusted off leash and are possessive of their family members - sometimes to the point of jealousy.