



Developed and originally made popular in Australia, the Silky Terrier is one of the small dogs breed that are dominating the hearts of the toy-dog-loving fanciers of the world. In the US, this little dog is called the Silky Terrier. In Australia and other parts of the world, it is called the Australian Silky Terrier or the Sidney Terrier.

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This dog is well-known for being affectionate, highly intelligent, fearless and alert. Its being small is often underestimated as being a lapdog but the Silky Terrier is too energetic to become one. Additionally, because of its alertness and courage, the Silky Terrier makes a good watchdog.

The Silky Terrier is a very enthusiastic dog and you can usually spot it doing what it loves most: digging. This breed is a curious creature and has a knack for learning new things. It loves to play and run around a small area and it is always in a happy disposition.

Training for this breed is also very interesting because it loves to have an intelligent and straightforward lesson from the master. It is highly trainable, quick to learn and very eager to follow the master's commands. If you choose to dwell in an apartment, this dog will make a good pet since it is only active indoors and needs only daily walks for a few minutes.



Silky Terriers' bodies are well-structured, fairly low to the ground and stands only 9 to 10 inches. Their ears are interestingly erect and v-shaped and generally, most Silky Terriers have docked tails. They are also notable for their black nose and piercing round dark eyes.

The bodies of the Silky Terriers are beautifully wrapped with 5 to 6 inches of long, fine, and silky soft hair. It is parted at the center on its back and drapes smoothly at the sides which almost reaches the floor. The hair of the Silky has no undercoat, sheds very little and often comes in combinations of blue and fire red, blue and tan markings, and any combinations of the blue shade.

Grooming the Silky Terrier takes commitment as it needs at least 15 minutes of brushing or combing daily. Bathing and trimming its coat regularly keeps it healthy and beautiful. Most Silky Terriers have topknots atop their heads so that hairs are kept from falling over their



eyes.

The development of the Silky was contributed by other terriers and they are the Skye, Cairn, Yorkshire and Australian terrier. This breed reached the US because some US servicemen from Australia during WWII brought them over to the US. In 1959, the Silky became an official breed in the AKC and in 1962, its first breed standard had been established.

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