



What are they like with children?

This breed has an amazing rapport with children. Even dogs that don't live with children seem to immediately understand them. They have immense patience and will be dressed up, will play football, will join in all the activities with great care. Although, there should always be supervision as with any dog but when it comes to enjoying being with the younger members of the family – well the Aussie is perfectly at home



Are they fussy eaters?

Most Aussies are very enthusiastic about food. So once they are fully grown, the food intake does have to be checked, as they can soon get a touch of midriff bulge! They do enjoy a very varied diet that includes fruit and vegetables as well.



As there are not many Aussies, does this make them expensive to buy?

With the media highlighting some of the costs of the dogs in vogue, it is understandable that potential owners think a breed that is rare might be pricey. Although there is no recommended price that can be quoted, most breeders in the UK sell their puppies at the around the average price of a microchipped pedigree puppy.

How do I find out more information?

The website provides more information and a way to contact us. You can meet the Aussies at the Country Living Game Fairs or at Discover Dogs at the NEC and London.

Why not become a supporter of the Aussie by joining the Clubs – The Australian Terrier Club of GB and the Southern Counties Australian Terrier Club. This will make sure you get all the news, via The Aussie Magazine and the e-newsletter. You will get invites to attend events or take part in activities. A great way to learn more about the breed to help you decide and whilst you are waiting for your Aussie.



The Australian Terrier The dog world's best kept secret FAQs

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Yes it's true – very few people have heard about these versatile dogs, so ideal for many lifestyles. But times are changing and the enthusiasts believe the time is right to introduce Australian Terriers to a few more people. This leaflet is designed to answer just a few of the many questions we are asked about the Aussies.



Do they really come from Australia?

Yes, they do. They were bred in the 1800's by the settlers to provide an all-round dog that could guard, kill vermin, work with livestock and be a companion to family members. As time passed they became show dogs as well as companions to the high society. From these beginnings, the Aussie has travelled the world with its owners and lives successfully in both hot and cold climates.

What breeds were used to create the breed?

No one will ever know the exact cocktail of breeds used to develop the Aussie. The early Scotch terrier is often regarded as a key part of the breed. But as with many breeds that were initially created to do a job, plus the availability of dogs to use. Well we can only guess. Was the dingo used? – who knows.

What do they do?

Aussies like to be around their owners and family and will take on any activities that come their way. Their versatility means they enjoy a walk; will raise an alert for intruders; have immeasurable patience with children; will do agility, flyball, obedience, coursing, tracking and scentwork. Other do work in the field with the gundogs, whilst they will still have the instinct to herd. They will surf and even be a companion in a canoe. It's more a case of what don't they do! But if you prefer a quieter lifestyle – your Aussie is happy to just be your companion.



Are they easy to train?

The Aussie is a breed that really does want to please. This makes it very responsive to training.

It's a terrier – does it go to ground a lot?

There is always one that is an exception, but generally this breed is not one that likes to explore holes. They can be tempted by all sort of smells and movement, but as a breed they are more willing to listen to their owners. This is why they can be so good at agility and other activities where control is important.



Are they like a lot of terriers – hate cats?

Much depends on the relationship that the Aussie has with a cat. But there are many Aussies living very harmoniously with cats. Aussies tend to be very social and mix well with other dogs and animals well.



Are they easy to groom?

The Aussie does not need regular stripping at the groomers. Owners can do simple maintenance on their dogs and most breeders are happy to advise or guide owners on anything.

Do they shed?

This is asked on more and more occasions. Unlike some of the breeds who have mass moults, the Aussie loses hair more gradually. Thorough grooming keeps it to a minimum.



Are they hypoallergenic?

Their coat does mean that they can be considered as an option. Although, the allergy sufferers all have different reaction to the dander and the saliva of a dog. Aussies are usually on the lists on the internet as a breed that could be perfect for an allergy sufferer.

Do they need a lot of exercise?

Aussies like as much exercise as you can give them. They do enjoy a walk, so they can check out all the smells and they have a tendency to be very nosy and look at what is going on in the neighbourhood. But if you can't go out for any reason, they are happy to rest at home.



Are they a healthy breed?

They are a breed that is long-lived. The oldest that we know about at the moment has just had his 19th birthday. Aussies don't have any inherent problems and this is confirmed on the Kennel Club website which states: 'There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed.'



What are the colours?

There is the blue and tan. A colour that makes the uninitiated think of a Yorkie. Then there are the red and sandy colours.



Do they travel well?

Being small they do squeeze easily into most cars, can travel with ease on a train and a few airline flights as well. Most Aussies do seem to enjoy travelling in the car and are great at riding shotgun!