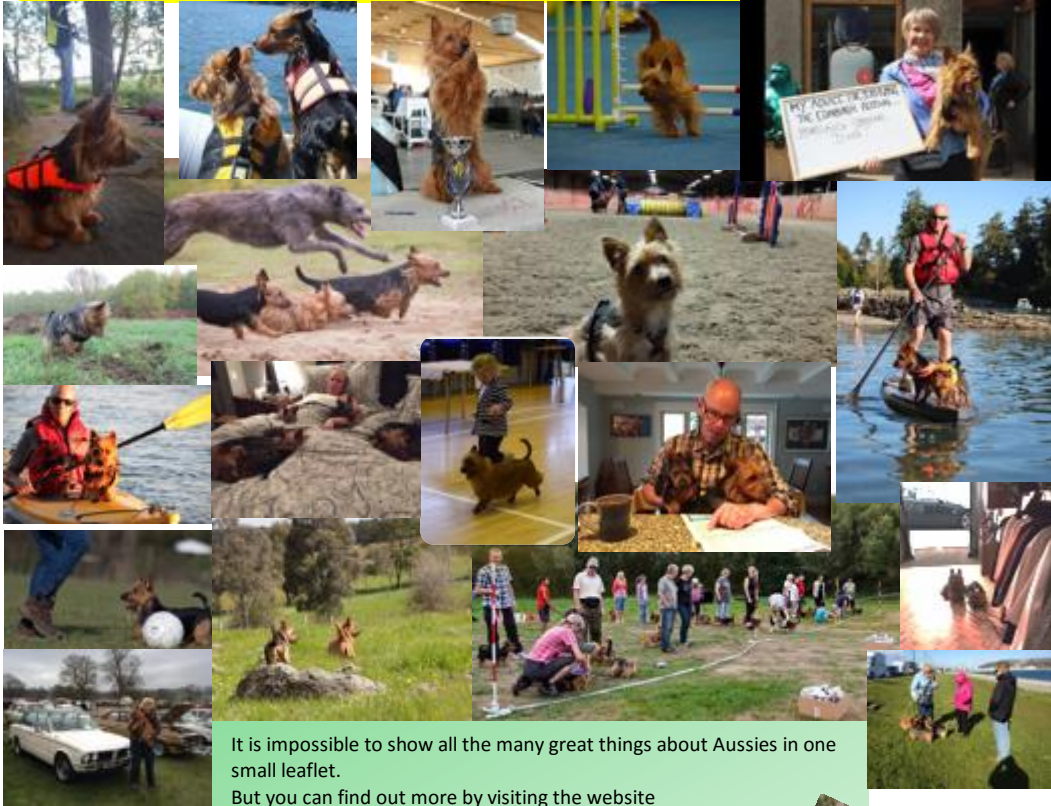


### Having fun with your Aussie

There are so many things that an Aussie can do and most certainly owners enjoy a wide range of activities. And the list grows every year...



It is impossible to show all the many great things about Aussies in one small leaflet.

But you can find out more by visiting the website

[www.australianterriers.co.uk](http://www.australianterriers.co.uk).

You can find us on Facebook and follow us on twitter.

The breed has its Ambassadors who are always happy to talk to you and answer any questions.

The Aussies are out and about at dog shows and at the Country Living Game and Country Fairs and at Discover Dogs at the NEC and London. A great way to see the breed. Check out the internet for dates and locations.



# The Secret is out

# The Australian Terrier







**Welcome to the world of Australian Terriers.**  
 You are reading this leaflet because you have been introduced to the dog world's best kept secret – The Australian Terrier.  
 You are probably asking, 'Why are they a secret?' – well unlike a lot of breeds we just don't go and shout about how versatile and perfect the Aussie is for so many different lifestyles today.  
 So what makes them so special? Ask any enthusiast and they will list so many great reasons. This leaflet attempts to give a brief insight into the breed. But check out the website [www.australianterriers.co.uk](http://www.australianterriers.co.uk), for more information and to make contact with a breed ambassador.



**How did it begin?**  
 The story of Australian Terriers began in the 1800's, when Australia was being colonised. And not just by the convicts. People travelled months at sea to reach the new land, taking with them dogs and other valued possessions. Australia was a different land to the UK and as a result things had to evolve to meet the very different needs. The Aussie developed from the small terriers and other possible breeds that arrived in Australia. It was a tough life and everything had to earn its keep. Dogs included. So the Aussie had to be more than just a vermin killer. This versatility has been retained and is why the breed can fit into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and

**The Aussie in the UK**  
 Many assume the Aussie is a new breed to the UK, but this is not the case. The first Aussies arrive on our shores in 1896. This was the start of the imports by families returning from Australia and bringing with them their Aussies.. This fuelled the interest in the breed. Many dedicated people worked hard to establish the Aussie in the UK, resulting in recognition by the Kennel Club in 1933 – so they have been around for some time.

**Great Companions**  
 Throughout their history, the breed has been considered a companion dog. Ladies in high society Australia of the 1930's would have Aussies. However, these dogs excel with their patience and friendliness with children. It is amazing to see how sensitive they can be. Yet be perfectly happy to join in a game of 'footie' and of course there are Aussie rules!



**Longevity**  
 This can be a very long-lived breed. Currently, the oldest Aussie we know about is 19 years old. But there are many more living happy and active lives well into their teens. Aussies tend to be a healthy breed and the Kennel Club website states. ' There are not currently any veterinary



**Low Maintenance**  
 As a breed, there is no need to seek regular trips to the local groomers to have their coats stripped or clipped. They don't shed, so less strain on the vacuum cleaner. For many, they can be an ideal option if you have allergies.



**The desire to please**  
 Owners will tell you – this breed really likes to please their owners. As a result, they respond well to training. They enjoy being a part of the family and wherever you go – they are happy to be a part of whatever you do. Be it a restaurant in Monaco or a picnic on the beach. Sitting watching TV or enjoying a walk on a beach. An Aussie blends in with the lifestyle you lead.



**Its versatile qualities**  
 Aussies are a great size to be town or country dogs. Small enough for cars and public transport and smaller properties, yet big enough to keep up with you on a long walk. And yes – they managed 8 miles on a sponsored walk and in record time.



**Happiness is an Aussie**  
 The breed does seem to enjoy life. They do like to play with you – but can amuse themselves with toys and all sorts of things they find. Yes even a giant sized stick!

