

Terrier

Cairn Terrier

The Cairn is one of the native Scottish Breeds and from the 17th century had been used in the Western Highlands and the Isle of Skye to keep down vermin which were a threat to game. They often worked in small packs and they take their name from the Cairn – small outcrop of stones, common in the highland moors.

Several of the Scottish Terrier breeds: the Cairn (first exhibited as a short haired Skye Terrier) the Skye itself, the Scottish Terrier and the West Highland White share common ancestry.

The Cairn is remarkably unchanged in appearance throughout the centuries, lighter in build than the other terrier breeds from Scotland but a game, rugged and harsh coated sporting terrier.

Breed Group	Terrier
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Cairn Terrier?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- Eye testing
- Bile acid testing of puppies

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Cairn Terrier Clubs

Name	Telephone
Cairn Terrier Association	01332 700683
Cairn Terrier Club	0131 449 4470
Midland Cairn Terrier Club	01623 472177
North Of Ireland Cairn Terrier Club	07788 497184
Northern Cairn & West Highland White Terrier Club	01484 425494
South Wales & West Of England Cairn Terrier Club	01487 840037
Southern Cairn Terrier Club	07766 258654

Cairn Terrier Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	0131 449 4470
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	01283 712498
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	01689 828788

Name	Telephone
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	01285 654782
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	02392 631114
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	07788497184
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	01257 270079
Cairn Terrier Relief Fund	01207 658976



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss W Whiteford Ayr, Ayrshire	31/10/2009	01292 550921	
Mr R Petch Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	16/02/2017	01945 592565	
Mrs J Baker Durham, County Durham	31/08/2010	07918 940133	
Mrs W D Wilson Swadlincote, Derbyshire	31/05/2010	01283 221562	
Mrs I McIntosh Dumfries, Dumfriesshire	31/01/2010	01387 750833	
Mrs A M & Mr F A Kenward Clynderwen, Dyfed	07/08/2013	01437 532510	
Mrs A E Weaver Siddington, Cirencester, Gloucestershire	17/06/2005	01285 654782	
Mr A & Mrs S Worsfold Havant, Hampshire	21/09/2017	02392 825946	
Miss H M P Miller Currie, Midlothian	03/07/2018	0131 449 4470	
Mrs M J Keeves Daventry, Northamptonshire	30/04/2009	01327 261573	
Mr D M Gunn Stromness, Orkney	11/01/2019	01856 850168	
Mr S W G & Mrs E R Short Bridgnorth, Shropshire	31/01/2010	01746 862323	
Mr J T P & Mrs C M Roberts Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	22/12/2011	01283 712498	
Mrs R A Harrison & Miss D H Inett Worcester, Worcestershire	12/04/2005	01905 452078	



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club