

## Terrier

### Dandie Dinmont Terrier

The breed was developed in the border Counties and Scotland and gained its present name after the publication of Sir Walter Scott's novel "Guy Mannering". In the novel Scott modelled the character Dandie Dinmont on a neighbouring farmer who owned terriers which were called Pepper and Mustard.

Local readers of the novel recognised the farmer James Davidson and teased him with the nickname Dandie Dinmont and from that the terriers and all similar to them took their name. Furthermore, the colour of Davidson's terriers Mustard (sandy/brown) and Pepper (blue/grey) became the accepted descriptions of the recognised colours of the breed.

The unique features of the breed; the weasel like body and curving topline, its coat with silky topknot, and its large expressive eyes have made it increasingly popular in recent years, aided by its wonderful character.

In 2014 the breed was appointed with its own tartan, the black and yellow Dandie Dinmont tartan bestowed by the Duke of Buccleuch.

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| Breed Group         | Terrier               |
| Vulnerable Breed    | Yes                   |
| 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?   | No                    |
| Town or Country     | Either                |
| Type of home        | Small or Large House  |
| Minimum garden size | Small/Medium          |
| Lifespan            | Over 12 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](http://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 Dandie Dinmont Terrier?

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

- Eye testing

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.

## Dandie Dinmont Terrier Clubs

| Name                                   | Telephone    |
|--|--------------|
| Caledonian Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club |              |
| Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club            | 01524 419253 |
| Southern Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club   | 02476 402801 |

## Dandie Dinmont Terrier Rescue Organisations

| Name  | Telephone    |
|---|--------------|
| Southern Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club Rescue | 01823 663436 |



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

## Assured Breeders

| Name           | Member since | Phone        | Accolades |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Mrs B A Milton | 02/09/2004   | 01335 324252 |           |

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|--|--------------|--------------|---|
| Ashbourne, Derbyshire                                      |              |              |    |
| <b>Mr R &amp; Mrs Y N Andrewartha</b><br>Tiverton, Devon   | 31/05/2010   | 01454 260885 |    |
| <b>Mrs A Miller</b><br>Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire            | 26/11/2013   | 01576 610567 |     |
| <b>Mr M &amp; Mrs L Bromley</b><br>Hereford, Herefordshire | 15/07/2005   | 01981 540512 |    |
| <b>Mrs S &amp; Mr R Bell</b><br>Newport, Shropshire        | 09/10/2012   | 01952 550129 |    |
| <b>Mrs B E Kurg</b><br>Shrewsbury, Shropshire              | 30/04/2009   | 01743 791864 |    |
| <b>Ms T O'Malley</b><br>Sheffield, South Yorkshire         | 03/06/2015   | 07717 753201 |    |



#### 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