

Terrier

Irish Terrier

Although the Irish Terrier is known for its bright red coat, the early specimens in the show ring – it was first shown in 1870 – were of mixed colours, predominately black and tan, black, grey and brindle.

However, a bitch called Poppy, the product of two champions, and as her name suggests, bright red in colour, became a major influence in the breed as all of her progeny were the same attractive colour. Selective breeding was used to make this colour the identifying features of the breed. With the colour came the reputation of a fiery spirit and a daredevil nature. It is racier and streamlined, in its build then many of the terrier breeds. It was recognised as a pedigree breed in 1879, the first of the native Irish Terriers to receive Kennel Club recognition.

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	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

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 Irish Terrier?

There are not currently any veterinary screening schemes or DNA tests for disease relevant to this breed under the Assured Breeder Scheme, however you should still ask breeders and refer to breed clubs about health issues in the breed.

Irish Terrier Clubs

Name	Telephone
Irish Terrier Association	01733 205386
North Of England Irish Terrier Club	01606 888534
Southern Irish Terrier Society	01869 248604

Irish Terrier Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Irish Terrier Association Rescue	01733 205386
North of England Irish Terrier Club	01642 880227
Southern Irish Terrier Society Rescue	01264 850255



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs J T Fletcher Reading, Berkshire	31/03/2007	01189 744780	BC B
Mr B M & Mrs A J Atwell Stockport, Cheshire	31/03/2011	0161 718 5130	BC

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs G Brewer Padstow, Cornwall	20/10/2016	01841 520829	
Mr K Anderson Stonehouse, Gloucestershire	31/10/2010	01453 825737	  
Mr R M Bebb Llandudno Junction, Gwynedd	31/10/2008	07940 241425	
Mrs D Milligan-Bott & Mr J N Bott Wigston, Leicestershire	29/05/2013	01162 403497	   
Mrs S J Seabridge Lincoln, Lincolnshire	31/03/2009	01526 345374	  
Mr J & Mrs P Dixon Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire	31/07/2009	07872 121953	 
Mr N & Mrs S Connell Southport, Merseyside	30/11/2010	01704 227418	  
Mr J Averis Uttoxeter, Staffordshire	31/01/2009	07724 153418	 
Messrs J Averis & A Barker Uttoxeter, Staffordshire	30/03/2017	07724 153418	  
Ms C L Davani Saxmundham, Suffolk	31/08/2008	01728 668221	  
Mr A Potts Saxmundham, Suffolk	23/12/2015	01728 668221	
Mr L & Mrs T Palmer Sudbury, Suffolk	31/08/2009	01787 211124	 
Mrs M Gummow Warwick, Warwickshire	30/09/2010	01926 842359	 
Mrs C K Bugden Pulborough, West Sussex	31/03/2010	07872 920545	 
Mr J & Mrs A Price Worcester, Worcestershire	10/05/2018	07816 030467	
Mr A J & Mrs J M Barker Dereham, Norfolk	31/12/2009	01362 687994	 



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