

## Scottish Terrier vs. West Highland White Terrier



| Breed             | Scottish Terrier  | West Highland White Terrier     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Country of Origin | Scotland          | Scotland                        |
| AKC / KC Groups   | Terrier / Terrier | Terrier / Terrier               |
| Original Function | vermin hunting    | fox, badger, and vermin hunting |

## Physical Appearance

| Breed      | Scottish Terrier  | West Highland White Terrier   |
|------------|---|---|
| Coat Color | black, wheaten, and all shades of brindle   | pure white  |
| Coat Type  | water resistant, dense undercoat, wiry and hardy outer coat   | hard outer coat, short and soft undercoat   |
| Head       | fairly long and narrow with a slight stop and a large nose, the muzzle length is accentuated by the beard | skull slightly domed with a distinct stop, strong jaws, distinctive black nose                    |
| Eyes       | small, dark brown, almond-shaped set deep under bushy eyebrows  | medium-sized, almond shaped, set wide apart, dark brown in color                                  |
| Ears       | small, thin, pricked, pointed tips  | small, erect and pointed with cover of short hair   |
| Body       | muscular, short level back, relatively heavy boned dog, rectangular shape view from side                  | strongly built, compact, level back, deep chest, slightly taller than its length                  |
| Tail       | set high about 7 inches, carried upright with a slight curve but never over the back                      | Quite short, inverted carrot shaped, carried straight with a slight curve but never over the back |
| Height     | 10 inches   | 10 inches   |
| Weight     | 18 – 22 pounds  | 15 – 21 pounds  |

## Temperament & Needs & Learning

| Breed                         | Scottish Terrier  | West Highland White Terrier  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Overall Temperament</b>    | brave, rugged, tough, determined, stubborn and sensitive, a one-man-dog | self-confident, affectionate, curious, fun loving, friendly, somewhat stubborn |
| <b>General Activity</b>       | high, enjoys boisterous game and off leash exploration in a safe area   | high, enjoys outdoor activities  |
| <b>Exercise Requirement</b>   | high, moderate walk on leash  | high, short to moderate walk on leash  |
| <b>Grooming Requirement</b>   | high, combing thrice weekly, stripping every 3 months                   | high, combing thrice weekly, stripping every 3 months                          |
| <b>Ideal Home Environment</b> | house with yard or big sized apartment                                  | house with yard or any decent sized apartment                                  |
| <b>Ideal Owner</b>            | firm, assertive, top dog leadership                                     | firm, preferably with terrier-experienced owner                                |
| <b>Special Needs</b>          | plenty of socialization and early training is a must                    | socialization, exercise, firm and positive training                            |
| <b>Intelligence / Ranking</b> | fairly low / ranked no. 65  | moderate / ranked no. 47   |
| <b>Trainability</b>           | fairly low  | moderate   |
| <b>Cold / Heat Tolerance</b>  | high / extremely low  | moderate / moderate  |

## Behavior

| Breed                       | Scottish Terrier   | West Highland White Terrier   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Excitability</b>         | extremely high   | extremely high  |
| <b>Playfulness</b>          | moderate   | moderately high   |
| <b>Demand for Affection</b> | moderate   | moderately high, thrives on attention and should not be deprived of |
| <b>Watchdog Barking</b>     | extremely high / top 3   | extremely high / top 4  |
| <b>Protection</b>           | moderately low   | moderately low  |
| <b>Dominance Over Owner</b> | extremely high   | high  |
| <b>Good With Dogs</b>       | fairly poor, maybe aggressive, two terriers cohabit could mean war unless firm training from young | fairly poor, maybe aggressive                                       |
| <b>Good With Pets</b>       | aggressive, fairly poor but can coexist with docile cats   | fairly poor towards small animals, maybe aggressive                 |
| <b>Good With Children</b>   | fairly poor, snappy, need close supervision, better with older children                            | fairly poor, snappy, need close supervision                         |
| <b>Good With Strangers</b>  | fair, reserved   | fairly good   |
| <b>Problematic Areas</b>    | digging and barking when left alone  | occasional digging and barking                                      |

## Health

| <b>Breed</b>            | <b>Scottish Terrier</b>                                | <b>West Highland White Terrier</b>   |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Life Span</b>        | 11 – 13 years  | 12 – 14 years  |
| <b>Major Aliments</b>   | Von Willebrand's disease, craniomanadibular osteopathy | Legg-perthes, cell leukodystrophy  |
| <b>Minor Aliments</b>   | cerebellar abiotrophy, patellar luxation, scotty cramp | Cataract, patellar luxation, keratoconjunctivitis sicca, enzyme deficiency |
| <b>Recommended Food</b> | poultry, mutton, wheat, corn, and potato               | poultry, lamb, potato, barley, wheat                                       |