

Silky Terrier vs Yorkshire Terrier

Breed	Silky Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier
Country of Origin	Australia	England
AKC / KC Groups	Toy Group	Toy Group
Original Function	companion, small vermin hunting	companion, small vermin hunting
Physical Appearance		
Coat Color	blue and tan	steel blue and clear tan; born black and tan
Coat Type	fine, silky, worn down to knee level	fine, straight, silky, draping to the floor
Head	quite long, broad with a flat skull and shallow stop	small, slightly flat at the top
Eyes	small, dark, round	medium-sized, dark brown
Ears	set high, small v-shaped, erect	set high, small v-shaped, erect
Body	quite long, level back, strong loins, deep chest	compact, level back, muscular loins
Tail	docked, carried high	docked to a moderate length, carried slightly higher than the level of the back
Height	9 - 10 inches	8 - 9 inches
Weight	8 - 11 lbs	7 lbs and under

Temperament & Needs & Learning

Breed	Silky Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier
Overall Temperament	strong character, alert, liveliness, loyal, bold, feisty	mischievous, spunky, stubborn, quite oblivious of its tiny size
Exercise	moderate	low
Grooming	brushing every other day	daily brushing
Ideal Home Environment	apartment, small home; highly adaptable	apartment, small home; sensitive to extreme temperatures
Ideal Owner	patient, semi-active, firm	calm, couch potato
Intelligence / Ranking	moderately high / no.37	high / no. 27
Trainability	high	high

Behavior

Breed	Silky Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier
Excitability	very high	high
Playfulness	high	high
Demand for Affection	moderately high	high
Watchdog Barking	very high	very high
Protection	low	low
Dominance Over Owner	moderately low	moderately low, occasionally stubborn
Good With Dogs	moderately low, sometimes aggressive	low
Good With Pets	moderate	low, may pick fights
Good With Children	moderate	snappy, better with older children (12 above)
Good With Strangers	moderately low, sometimes aggressive	moderately low

Health

Breed	Silky Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier
Life Span	11 - 14 years	14 - 16 years
Major Aliments	cataracts, cushing's, legg-perthes, patellar luxation	dental problems, portacaval shunt, progressive retinal atrophy, patellar luxation
Minor Aliments	diabetes, epilepsy	legg-perthes, tracheal collapse
Recommended Food	poultry, lamb, fish, wheat, rice, potato	beef, potato, sugar beet, wheat, barley

