

All about the **WIRE FOX TERRIER**

Fox terriers probably date as a type from the late 17th or early 18th century. They were bred for working, small enough to penetrate a fox earth but with qualities of running power and endurance. By the beginning of the 19th century the Fox Terrier had become well established as a special type or breed. However, it was not until 1876 that a number of enthusiasts met together to form The Fox Terrier Club – the parent club of Fox Terriers. Its purpose was and continues to be to improve and maintain the Fox Terrier breed. Central to this was the drawing up of a description standard (with approval of the Kennel Club) for both the smooth and wire coats, since they were recognised as different species of the same family. These standards are almost the same today and are published each year in the Fox Terrier Club, the Wire Fox Terrier Association and the Smooth Fox Terrier Association Year Books.

The object of the clubs is to help the breed in every way possible. All three run their own Championship shows each year and a win at any one of them is considered a great honour.



Feeding and General Management

Fox Terriers have lusty appetites and are an extremely fit and healthy breed. For an adult dog, one meal a day will suffice – meat and biscuit or a ‘complete’ dog food that is readily available not forgetting dental hygiene where a hard chew or bone can help along with relevant advice from your vet on keeping your dog’s teeth clean. Fresh water should be available all day long.

It is essential that a warm, draught free bed is provided, somewhere he can call his own to go to when he feels tired and to sleep in at night. Establishing a routine is of great value in helping your dog to understand what is required of him.

Exercise

Wires love to run over the fields and follow up all the sniffs and smells of the countryside. It is good for them to have free running but if this is not possible then a game with a ball is welcomed with great enthusiasm and a walk to the shops is an adventure. Alternatively if more sedentary lifestyle is required they will adapt to it as long as they are able to have a run around the garden frequently each day.

Coat Care

A Wire Fox Terrier has a strong, durable coat which needs hand stripping several times a year, dependant on your dog’s coat growth pattern. Guidance and advice is available to those who may wish to groom their dogs themselves. Alternatively your dog can be taken to a professional groomer.

The Wire coat consists of an undercoat and a top coat. The art of keeping your wire looking smart is to rake/comb out the undercoat and to pull out over long hairs from the top coat. The jacket will then be close, tight and smart. A tight wire coat makes brushing out mud and dirt easier and will have less need to be bathed. The softer hair ‘furnishings’ facial hair on nose and beard and the longer hair on the legs need to be brushed out regularly helping to keep tangle and lug free.

Be aware that clipping a wires coat as opposed to hand stripping can result in loss of coat quality and richness of the coats colour.

Wires As Pets

Wire Fox terriers are an ideal family pet, a neat compact dog which does not shed its coat, extremely intelligent and only wanting every waking hour to please you. They are good with children as long as like any breed of dog children respect the needs of the dog within the family. They make excellent house-dogs, are courageous and protective of you and yours. To have a Wire in your family is an honour as they give so much more than they take.

Finding Your Wire Fox Terrier

The secretaries of both The Fox Terrier Club and The Wire Fox Terrier Association will be happy to provide you with information helping to find you the right Wire to fit in with your family/life style. This may be a puppy or an older dog. The Wire Fox Terrier association also has a puppy coordinator whom is supplied details of litters available from many breeders, contact details can be found on the Wire Fox Terrier Association Website. The Kennel club also has information on its website of breeders and contact details of current club secretaries.

The Fox Terrier Club:- www.thefoxterrierclub.co.uk

The Wire Fox Terrier Association:- www.wirefoxterrierassociation.co.uk



**Once you have been owned by a
Wire Fox Terrier you will never want to be owned by
any other.**

WELFARE, RESCUE AND REHOMING OF WIRE FOX TERRIERS

If you feel you can offer a home to a wire fox terrier in need or have a wire you are unable to care for please contact either:
The Wire Fox Terrier Association's Welfare & Rehoming Service.



Contact: Lou Beary, WFTA Coordinator
Tel: 07842 465080

Email: rehoming@wirefoxterrierassociation.co.uk
wirefoxterrierassociation.co.uk
www.facebook.com/WFTAWelfareandRehoming

or **Fox Terrier Rescue**, an independent body, which caters for both Wire and Smooth Fox Terriers.

Contact: Mrs L England
Tel: 01366 328826

Email: l.England@mypostoffice.co.uk
www.foxterrierrescue.co.uk

The Wire Fox Terrier Association always welcomes new members. The Annual Subscription is £30.00 for U.K. members, £35.00 for European Subscriptions, £39.00 for World Subscriptions

Contact Details:

Email: wfta.uk@gmail.com
www.wirefoxterrierassociation.co.uk

