



***Breed Standard***  
**Parti Yorkshire Terrier**  
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**Origin and Purpose:** The Yorkshire Terrier is one of the most glamorous and popular of the toy breeds. It was originally bred in Yorkshire, England for the not-so glamorous job of keeping down the rats in the coal pits and cotton mills. It was also used by the miners as a sporting terrier in rat-killing contests. If this seems a far cry from the dainty, profusely coated dog of today's show ring, it should be remembered that this all took place in the mid- 19th century, when the Yorkie was bred to do the work of a terrier and when it weighed in the area of 15 lb. (6.8 kg). The breed made a big hit with the ladies and soon was in great demand as a pet.

**General Appearance:** That of a well-balanced long-coated toy terrier, readily identified by its straight-flowing silky body coat of bright shiny lustrous steel blue and clear-shaded golden tan. The hair is parted on the muzzle and from the base of the skull to the end of the tail. The Yorkie is square and well proportioned. The dog's high head carriage and alert expression give the appearance of self-confidence, a sparkling and vigorous manner.

**Temperament:** The keenly alert air of the terrier is characteristic. He is intelligent, friendly, and willing to please.

**Size:** The weight not to exceed 7 lb. (3 kg).

**Coat:** Quality, texture and quantity of coat are of prime importance. Hair is glossy and silky in texture. Coat on the body is moderately long and perfectly straight (not wavy). It may be trimmed to floor length to give ease of movement and a neater appearance, if desired. The fall on the head is long, tied with one bow in center of head or parted in the middle and tied with two bows. Hair on muzzle is very long. Hair should be trimmed short on tips of ears and may be trimmed on feet to give them a neat appearance.

**Color: \* Parti-Colour:** Two or more solid colors, One of which must be white. Legs and undercarriage must be white. Legs may have color on the outside but must be white on the inside of legs. Color must cover both eyes and ears. White over eyes and ears is considered a fault.

**Head:** Skull should be rather small and flat, not too prominent or round. Muzzle not too long in proportion to skull, set on a 90 degree angle to the head forming the stop. Nose jet black. Mouth either level or scissor bite with strong sound teeth. Eyes oval, dark and sparkling, having a sharp, intelligent expression, placed so as to look directly forward. They should not be prominent and the eye rims should be dark in colour. Ears small V-shaped, carried erect, set high on the head, with the hair trimmed short on the tips.

**Neck:** Medium length, blending smoothly into the shoulders to create the elegant head carriage.

**Forequarters:** Legs quite straight, elbows neither in nor out, pasterns strong and straight with ideal shoulder angulation of 45 degrees. Feet are round with black toenails. Dewclaws should be removed.

**Body:** Topline must be level. The chest has a good spring of rib, oval in shape, with gradual rounding toward the base with sufficient depth for the elbows. The loin to be short and strong.

**Hindquarters:** Sturdy, well-muscled hindquarters with proper angulation, sound stifles and hocks turning neither in nor out. Feet are round with black toenails.

**Tail:** Dock to a medium length, with plenty of hair, darker blue in colour than the rest of the body, especially at the end of the tail, carried higher than the level of the back.

**Gait:** Smooth and flowing, moving in a straight line, with a free and easy stride.

**Faults:** *Excessive shyness; cottony or woolly texture coat; black body coat on a mature dog; fawn or bronzy hair intermingled with blue; sooty or black hairs intermingled with the golden tan of adult dogs; overshot or undershot bite; rounded bat ears, cropped ears; roached back, sloping croup.*

**Disqualifications:** *Ears held erect by tying the hair into the topknot. Any adulteration in the colour of the coat by artificial means.*