

Australian Silky Terrier



Average size, weight & lifespan

22cm – 27cm

4kg – 5kg

14 – 15 years

General Appearance

They have a fine silky coat that will not shed hair and do not have a doggy smell. They are born black and tan and change colour to blue and tan at around 20 months.

Background

They were mainly used to kill household rodents and to also watch over animal stock on properties in years gone by.

Characteristics/Temperament

They are always happy to be with their family. Silkys are very intelligent and will keep an eye open for trouble.

Exercise

They are quite intelligent, very loyal and trainable. Silkys are known to maintain a puppy attitude throughout life. Obedience classes are recommended. Daily exercise for your Silky is a must and they love to go for walks.

Grooming

Only trimming required is around the feet, muzzle and ears. If kept clean and bathed regularly they will remain shiny and easy to care for. Using conditioner after shampoo and brushing a couple times a week will stop the coat from tangling.

Health

Australian Silky Terriers are very healthy dogs with no evidence of hereditary diseases.

Contacting Council

If you require any further information about this or any other responsible pet ownership issue, please call Council on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

