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Fact Sheet: Scottish Terrier

Dog type: terrier

History:

- The Scottish Terrier is descended from the Old Scotch Terrier.
- It is a very old breed of dog; some believe it is 'the most ancient of any of the Highland terriers'.
- The Scottish Terrier was trained to hunt and kill foxes, badgers, wildcats, weasels, otters and rats and to protect the sheep of the Scottish farmers and crofters.

Do you know....?

- Scottish Terriers are also commonly known as 'Scotties'.
- Scotties do not 'moult' (shed their dead fur) so they need to go to a professional twice a year to be 'hand-plucked' to remove dead fur and keep their coats in good condition.
- Scottish Terriers are regarded as the national terrier of Scotland.

Scottish Terriers as pets:

- Brave and tough.
- Love to chase after things – keep them on a lead when out.
- Like regular short walks.
- Proud dogs – don't like to be treated as a toy.