

## **The Silky fits in happily everywhere.**

The Australian Silky Terrier feels quite at home everywhere and will never complicate your life. A faithful companion, full of energy, undemanding in terms of food and easy to keep, you will never regret choosing this breed as a pet.

Cities, towns or countryside, they adapt with ease. If they live near woodland they will throw themselves into long walks with great zest. In cities, it is the hubbub, the meetings with other dogs, the activity of people in a hurry which intrigue them. An owner who spends some time in each environment would be perfect. In any case, do not compromise over providing his own corner and cushion; otherwise he might well start to mope. In case you live in a high rise Building, in units, a male pup should be provided with newspaper on the bathroom tiles. The females like a litter or sand tray on the balcony. Both sexes should be exercised regularly.

Small dogs require small amounts of food. The Silky is not fussy when it comes to food. If for any reason it has to live a particularly sedentary life, reduce the size of its meals, eliminate fat and pasta and replace them with vegetables (but not potato, tomato's, or onions), soup and lightly cooked meat.

The Silky must be brushed at least three times a week to get rid of any knots or dirt in the coat. Cut the hair from inside the ears and rim outside, the underneath of the tail as they are often home to parasites. (If you not look well after them). Comb the hair with a parting down the spine so that it falls on either side of its body.

### **FAULTS:**

- **Shows off to get it's own way**
- **Apprehensive with other dogs, may have problematic relationship with cats.**

### **QUALITIES:**

- **Very energetic, eager, happy, kind - Average life span: 12 - 14 years**
- **Intelligent, crafty - Lovely personality**
- **Vigilant guard dog - Obedient if well trained**

### **INFO.- USEFUL:**

- **Loves nature and walks; likes the liveliness of towns**
- **Hardy nature, prefers cold to heat**
- **The coat must be kept carefully groomed**
- **Moderate food requirements**
- **Low upkeep costs**