

## **ELEGANT YORKSHIRE TERRIERS**

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### **YORKSHIRE TERRIER PUPPY CARE**

If Cared For Properly... Yorkies Will Give You Years of Enjoyment

Grooming your Yorkie is definitely part of responsible ownership and general care. Yorkies do need grooming on a regular schedule. If you are not able to provide this by yourself or by a professional, you may want to consider another breed.

**Grooming:** Your puppy is groomed with Plush Puppy Shampoo for the body and Johnson's Baby Shampoo for the face, and then topped off with Plush Puppy Conditioner. You may also do a final rinse after the conditioner by mixing a one Tbsp of conditioner with one Tbsp of Neutrogena Sesame Body Oil and add 16 ounces of warm water shake well and pour over coat; do not rinse.

Brush the coat before bathing and remove all knots and tangles. Clean the ears weekly during bath time with K-9 Liquid Health Ear Solution. This is the time to brush the teeth using canine toothpaste and toothbrush. Now bathe with your favorite shampoo and conditioner. Then comb the coat out and dry completely. Trim the ears 1/3 way down both the front and the back of the ear, cleaning the edges to make a nice V shape. Trim the hair between the pads on the bottom of each foot. Cut the hair on the feet in a rounded shape. Nails are clipped soon after the bath (while they are still soft) with small cat nail scissors; always have septic powder on hand in case you cut the quick of the toenail. Pull the hair on the head up into a ponytail and add a nice little bow on top of the head. Do not get it too tight or it will pull and cause a sore on the skin. Use the baby size Goody Brand Hair Bands covered in a yarn type material.

**Diet:** The diet of a young puppy should consist of a Premium Dry Food made specifically for the growing stage. This is not the area to "cut corners" when it will reflect on the puppy's overall health right into adulthood. You do not need this puppy to have deficiencies from the start; this could cause weak muscle tone and the Skeletal System not to develop properly. Become a label reader for your puppy, make sure that the ingredients are USDA inspected, not the refuse of contaminated sources. The Web is a great place to get information about the Pet Food Industry, utilize it. Also, note Hypoglycemia below. Make sure Yorkie Puppies and other small breeds are being fed throughout the day. If you are giving your puppy milk bone treats, one of them is like a meal, so you cannot expect them to eat a full ration of dry at the same time. Keep treats to a minimum. Remember that a tablespoon of something is to them a good-sized treat. My dogs love vegetables of all types, carrots, squash, green beans and many fresh fruits. Even these are kept at a minimum. A bite or two will keep them happy. Too many treats will also throw off the balanced diet they need and should be getting from their regular diet.

Elegant Yorkies feeds all Dog/Bitch/Puppy Acana Pacifica Salmon Kibble. This is a high quality No-Grain food that is rich in protein and is recommended for the Dog/Bitch/Puppy. This food may be purchased at Pampered Pet Boutique in Post Falls. Remember, despite what you may be told, not all dog food is good for a Yorkshire Terrier. Recommendations are Acana Pacifica Salmon Kibble, Premium Edge Skin and Coat Salmon Formula Kibble and Canidae Salmon Formula Kibble. If you choose to change foods for your puppy, do the change slowly to avoid diarrhea. If you are feeding a food that does not have Omega fatty acids in it, you should get Salmon Oil dog food supplement and squirt one pump over a full dish of food, this will enable the pup to maintain a healthy shiny coat. It is very important to feed a high quality, low protein food, to avoid urinary stones, liver and kidney problems. Avoid Grain Formula foods.

**Snacks & Treats:** A word of caution about chew treats. If you do give them rawhide, make sure that you replace them often. Many dogs have gotten them caught in their throats, which means a fast trip to the vet or worse. As a puppy or dog continually chews the rawhide, it softens and the dog is able to get small pieces torn off. As they wear down in size, the possibility of an accident is more likely. Rawhides break down from the pups saliva, and they get soft, and the pup