



The Sealyham Terrier derives its name from Sealy Ham, Haverfordwest, Wales, the estate of Captain John Edwards, who developed from obscure ancestry a strain of dogs noted for their prowess in quarrying badger, fox and otter. It is believed he started developing the breed around 1848. He didn't keep any records, but a noted student of dog breeds in Wales surmised that the original terriers were probably descendents of white-haired terriers which Edwardes' Flemish ancestors brought to Wales at the time of the Norman Conquest. It is also assumed he used a small white terrier resembling a bull terrier which is now extinct; also the Dandie Dinmont to shorten the legs, and the West Highland Terrier to set the white color. White was necessary to distinguish the Sealyham from the varmint he went to ground after, so when he came out of the hole smelling like varmint, the big dogs could tell the difference. We will never know for sure, but despite all differing views, it is clear that the Sealyham Terrier with his mixed ancestry adds up to a remarkably attractive terrier as comfortable in our modern day just as he was in the fields of Welsh estates. The Sealyham's first recorded show appearance was in 1903 at a local affair in Wales and the breed was first imported to the U.S. in 1911. Since AKC recognition, the Sealyham has occupied a solid note in the canine community. Though small in population, the Sealyham has made many trips to the winners circle, scoring over representatives of far more numerically popular breeds. The breed has garnered boosters throughout the world, with fine dogs in the show rings of many countries.



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American Sealyham Terrier Club

Presently comprised of some 286 Sealyham Breeders and pet owners worldwide devoted to The betterment and promotion of the breed, the ASTC has been a staunch defender and Protector of the breed since the club was formed in 1913. Membership is open to all persons worldwide who are interested in promoting and loving the Sealyham. One of the advantages of membership is a very popular newsletter with articles on health and grooming, photos of members with their dogs, and generally keeping members apprised of what's going on in our far-flung membership.

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All About The Sealyham Terrier



**"THE MOST INTELLGENT, SENSIBLE
& COMPANIONABLE OF ALL THE
TERRIER BREEDS"**
(TOM HORNER, ENGLISH AUTHOR & JUDGE)

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A Very Special Dog

The Sealyham is a proud, compact, sturdy little dog that makes an ideal companion for young and old in today's modern world, adapting well to both city and country living. He expects the attention which he considers his due and enjoys a brisk walk to investigate the new smells in the neighborhood. He is very inquisitive and a delightful clown and surveys the world with supreme self-confidence and good humor.

Sealyhams are most charming and lovable, giving their owners endless love and devotion. While devoted to his family, he is never servile, even when being disciplined. He will rarely, if ever, cower, for he is possessed with an indomitable spirit and immense pride. He owns, he is not owned by his family. Once he has taken his place in the household, he is virtually assured of equal status.

The Sealyham's temperament has remained one of his most distinctive traits—friendly and lovable, responsive to human contacts, a constant, loyal and devoted companion. Having had one Sealyham in a home is to be satisfied with no other breed, and that is the finest tribute that can be paid to any breed.



ON BUYING A SEALYHAM

Health and good temperament are the main considerations in buying a pet. No reputable breeder should sell a puppy under eight weeks. Contact more than one breeder and compare. You may have to travel a bit, but you should go look at the puppies yourself, check out the facilities and the parents. Sealyham breeders care deeply about their animals and their possible new home. They want the puppy and its new family to be compatible. So, be prepared to answer many questions about your home, family and the area in which you live.

Breeders will always be available for any questions you might have, and usually keep track of their puppies for a lifetime. Occasionally adult Sealys are available. Many are house-trained and leash-trained. Some are retired Champions. Inquire, as often the breeder may have that very special dog in need of a loving home.

No one should own a Sealyham unless they are prepared to look after it properly. The long, profuse, double, weather-resisting coat needs regular combing with a strong, coarse wire comb right down to the skin. The back coat can be stripped or clipped, and grooming must be done on a regular basis.

And A Delightful Clown

The Sealyham Terrier stands 10½ inches at the shoulder and weighs approximately 24 pounds. Other than markings on the head, the Sealyham should be all white. The coat is a double coat with a soft and dense undercoat and an outercoat that is hard, wiry and weather-resistant. Small dark eyes peer out from ample brows, and thick whiskers give the face a look of finish and power, while the big, black nose constantly screens signals from the world.

Everything about the Sealyham indicates strength. Short legs are furnished with substantial development of bone and muscle. The back is level, and the short tail (once described as resembling an old-fashioned shaving brush), stands up with the audacity of the dog it is attached to. He can cover ground at a speed that belies his size, and should be the embodiment of power and determination, ever keen and alert.



A beautiful Sealyham groomed for show