Congratulations on your new Lakeland Terrier

You are about to embark on a real adventure with a breed of exceptional intelligence, longevity, and zest for life!

History

Originating in the Lake District of Cumberland, England in the 1800's, the Lakeland Terrier is one of the oldest working terrier breeds still in existence today. Their primary purpose was to assist the farmers in controlling the fell fox, which preyed on the young lambs.

Unlike many terrier breeds which had only to bolt the quarry, Lakelands were bred to actually dispatch the fox in its den. Their high prey drive is present today.

Coat & Colors

Lakelands sport a two-ply coat (hard, wiry outer coat with soft undercoat) in a variety of solid or saddle marked colors. Solid colors include blue, black, liver, red or wheaten. In saddle marked dogs, the saddle covers the back of the neck, back, sides and up the tail. A saddle may be blue, black, liver or varying shades of grizzle.

Lakelands that are housepets may be kept tidy by having their coats clippered. However, if



the conformation ring is their destiny, they must be skillfully handstripped.

Entertaining

Lakelands are very entertaining companions. As with all terrier breeds, they have an inquisitive, independent nature. They are interested in everything. A generous sense of humor on the part of the Lakeland Terrier owner will help you to enjoy the antics of this animated breed.

The majority of Lakelands are beloved family pets. They are happiest when sharing their lives with their human families. Kennel situations are definitely out for this personable breed.

Education

All puppies can benefit from a kindergarten puppy class taught by an instructor who is familiar with and who appreciates the terrier personality. A canine companion who has good manners and who has been well socialized is a welcome addition to the community.

There are many ways to enjoy the versatility of your Lakeland Terrier. The American Kennel Club offers a number of competitive



events in which you and your Lakeland may participate. These events include Obedience, Agility, Rally®, Tracking, Junior Showmanship (for young people ages 10-18), Canine Good Citizen® (CGC®) tests, Earthdog trials, and Conformation competition. Other popular non-AKC events your Lakeland may enjoy include barnhunt and nosework.



Except for Conformation, all events are open to neutered and intact purebred dogs.

Due to the extensive grooming required for proper presentation of the show Lakeland in conformation (often involving the employ of a professional handler), this activity is usually undertaken only by the serious exhibitor.



Breeding

New owners frequently ask, "Shall I breed my dog?" The answer is complicated, for there is much to consider. Breeding dogs is a real responsibility. One must have an understanding of canine structure, genetics and pedigrees.

It is also imperative to have proper facilities to raise and to socialize the puppies prior to placement in their new homes. Most dedicated breeders sell companion puppies with an AKC Limited Registration and a spayneuter agreement.

As with all American Kennel Club recognized purebred dogs, there is an approved breed standard for Lakeland Terriers. The standard of perfection is a word picture of how the Lakeland should look, move and behave. All responsible, serious breeders strive to produce dogs who conform to this breed standard.

The United States Lakeland Terrier Club, Inc. is the official organization recognized by the American Kennel Club. It is the link between Lakeland Terrier owners nationally and internationally. New owners can log onto our website at

www.usltc.org

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