



CongRATS & Welcome to the amazing Rat Terrier breed!



RAT TERRIER
CLUB OF AMERICA

The Rat Terrier is an American original breed, “the dog of many dogs.”

Bred for multipurpose farm work, ridding and general killing of vermin above and below ground. Rat Terriers are the “do it all” canine and excel in many different venues. A small to medium working Terrier able to be a child’s best friend, hiking partner or almost any activity to be found.

Coat & Colors

Rat Terriers have a short coat that is slick and smooth. They do not shed as much as other breeds usually in the Spring/Fall of the year. An easy swipe with a short soft bristle brush will usually do the trick to clean their coat right up. Coming in a variety of patterns and colors, there is sure to be one to please you.



There are two breed varieties—the miniature, 10-13 inches, and the standard, over 13 inches and up to and including 18 inches. A size for every job; a coat color for every taste!

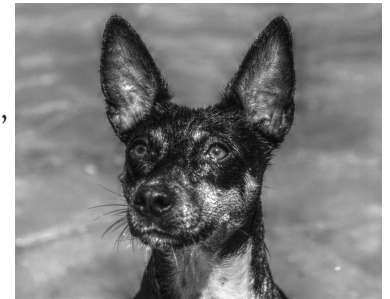
Ratters are the perfect partner for agility or obedience; they are smart and easily trainable, while also being calm and easy going.



Breeding your Rat Terrier

Breeding a litter of puppies is a serious endeavor and not a casual undertaking. It is an important obligation that breeders carefully place each dog in a responsible and loving home.

Responsible breeders give lots of careful thought and consideration to their breeding programs. They address health issues, genetic concerns, temperament, soundness and appearance beforehand.



The Rat Terrier Club of America (RTCA) fully supports and encourages testing all dogs used for breeding. It is important to ensure the health of the Rat Terrier for future generations. For the eye, two tests include checking for PLL primary lens luxation, and PRA-PRCD. These are simple DNA swab tests. Checking the heart,



patella, elbows and hips is also encouraged for any breeder to ensure their dogs health prior to breeding.

Exercise

Puppies and adults need a couple hours of exercise a day. A good romp in the back yard, a walk in the park or tug of war and fetch are

favorites. Biking, hiking, swimming and more your rat terrier will live to please you and do whatever is at hand. You'll enjoy your puppy for many years, developing activities together will



help you bond closer with your terrier. The Rat Terrier has an average lifespan of 13 to 15 years, while many have lived much longer.

Spay/Neutering

If you are not breeding your dog, the sensible choice for most families is to spay or neuter their dog. Altered dogs are usually calmer, easier to train and less likely to wander. Altered dogs often have benefits from the procedure including several types of cancer that can be avoided. However, "Due to recent studies funded by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, it may be prudent for the long-term health of the animal to delay spay/neuter until a dog reaches maturity as determined in conjunction with your veterinarian," Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC's Chief Veterinarian Officer recently reported. Neutering or spaying will not exclude a dog from most AKC events such as Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Earthdog and Agility. For more information talk with your Breeder or contact us at

www.ratterrierclubofamerica.org

Nutrition

Many different food options are available from dry kibble to a raw diet, Ratties don't seem to be too particular, but do need a balanced diet.

The Rat Terrier Club of America was the first National organization to provide resources,

information and a written standard for the Rat Terrier. Due to our club members and Board of Directors efforts, Rat Terriers are fully recognized breed by the AKC and eligible for participation in all AKC conformation and performance events since June 23rd 2013!



The RTCA

RTCA members help us fulfill the dream of the original board members to ensure integrity of the breed for the future of all fanciers. Please consider becoming a member of the RTCA and help our amazing Rat Terrier live on for generations! Please visit the RTCA website at

www.ratterrierclubofamerica.org

You can find the membership form, and we are always ready to help with any and all questions. You may email us at

rtca2016@gmail.com

