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Shih tzu silky terrier mix puppies for sale

The Silky Tzu is a small mixed dog in the breed group toy who's parents are the purebreds Shih tzu and Silky Terrier. She has a life span of 12 to 15 years and is a very affectionate and cuddly sweet dog who can could be good for people with allergies. The Silky Tzu is more suited to being the companion to an older owner, a couple or single owner. This is because she is not always great around children, other animals or other dogs so needs early socialization. She is though a very cheerful, affectionate and sweet dog and will be a great new best friend. Here is the Silky Tzu at a Glance
Average height 6 to 8 inches
Average weight 8 to 13 pounds
Coat type Double, thick, silky, wavy
Hypoallergenic? Can be (Silky Terrier is) Grooming Needs Moderate
Shedding Low to moderate
Brushing Daily
Touchiness Somewhat sensitive
Tolerant to Solitude? Moderate
Barking Occasional
Tolerance to Heat Low to very good, depends on coat type
Tolerance to Cold Low to very good, depends on coat type
Good Family Pet? Good to very good
Good with Children? Good with socialization
Good with other Dogs? Moderate to good with socialization
Good with other Pets? Moderate to good with socialization
A roamer or Wanderer? Average
A Good Apartment Dweller? Excellent
due to size
Good Pet for new Owner? Good to very good
Trainability Moderate
easy Exercise Needs Slightly active
Tendency to get Fat Above average
Major Health Concerns Legg-Calve-Perthes, Patellar Luxation, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Tracheal collapse
Other Health Concerns Allergies, hip dysplasia, ear infections, reverse sneezing, snuffles, dental problems
Life Span 12 to 15 years
Average new Puppy Price \$200 to \$1000
Average Annual Medical Expense \$435 to \$535
Average Annual Non-Medical Expense \$530 to \$630
Where does the Silky Tzu come from? The Silky Tzu is a mixed dog deliberately being bred, part of a trend in so called designer dogs. Probably bred first in the last 10 years though designer dogs themselves have been popular for two decades now. As with most of these dogs there is not much information known about where and why she was bred. Some breeders are working with care on these first generation dogs, and some are just in it for the money so make sure you are not funding a puppy mill when you are looking for your puppy. To get a better feel for the Silky Tzu we can look at the parents for some ideas. The Shih Tzu
The Shih-Tzu is thought to be in the top 14 oldest breeds around, coming from either Tibet or China. They were treasured as companion dogs and can be found in paintings and documents across Tibetan and Chinese history. They were referred to as little lion dogs and were docile, intelligent and happy. The first breeding pair to leave China and come to England happened in 1928.In 1969 he was recognized as a breed by the American Kennel Club. The Shih-Tzu today is still very much a companion dog. He wants to please and be with you, he is very affectionate and loves to receive it too. He will spend as much time as he can in your lap and is a happy little dog when he has lots of attention. He can be lively and likes to play and is friendly too. The Silky Terrier
In the late 19th century in Australia the Silky Terrier was developed by crossing the Yorkshire Terrier with a native terrier dog. He was both a hunting dog (for vermin) and a companion. Back then it was common for some to look more like one terrier or the other but eventually their look became more uniform as they are now. Eventually an agreed standard was reached in 1926. In 1955 his name in Australia became the Australian Silky Terrier and it remains that now. In the US though he is known just as the Silky Terrier. He is a friendly, smart and lively dog with a lot of self confidence. He still likes to chase small animals and he is alert. Though he is independent he is still very loyal and loves to be around people. He also travels very well. Temperament
The Silky Tzu is an energetic and lively dog who loves to have fun and play by day and then cuddle on your lap in the evening when it is time to relax. She is very affectionate and friendly and loves to get new toys to play with. She is a great companion dog but is also a good family dog. She has a cheerful nature and enjoys being around people. She is very sweet and enjoys socializing with people and other dogs. What does the Silky Tzu look like
She is a small dog weighing 8 to 13 pounds and standing 6 to 8 inches tall. She has dainty feet and a small face with dark eyes. Her coat can be double, and can be like the Yorkie or the Shih Tzu. Often it is long and a little wavy, thick and silky. Colors that are common to her are red, white, reddish brown, black, brown, cream and tan. Training and Exercise Needs
How active does the Silky Tzu need to be? She is only a slightly active dog so something like two short walks 10 to 15 minutes each a day will be good. She will also play a lot indoors as she loves her toys and balls so that will be a part of her activity too. Try to ensure some of her toys offer her some mental stimulation. Her small size and low activity needs means she is well suited to apartment living. A yard would be a bonus place for her to explore and play in but it is not something she needs. Does she train quickly? Keep the training fun for her and stay positive with treats, rewards and praise and training should be easy and go fairly quickly. Be consistent and firm in case she has one of her stubborn moments but avoid any scolding or being impatient. Early training and socialization are important to help her become the best dog she can be. She can be harder to house train though so that may need you to be patient for longer. Living with a Silky Tzu
How much grooming is needed? She should be brushed daily as her long coat can tangle easily and pick up debris. She can be hypoallergenic but if allergies are an issue you should visit the puppy before buying to check for reaction. She should be bathed just as she needs it, when she is especially dirty or smelly using a dog shampoo only. Too frequent bathing or using the wrong shampoo can dry out her skin otherwise. Her ears should be checked for infection and wiped clean once a week. There are dog ear cleaning solutions you can buy, just dampen a cotton ball and wiped them down without inserting anything into the ear. Her nails need clipping when they get too long and her teeth need to be brushed two to three times a week. She will need her coat trimmed regularly at a groomers too. What is she like with children and other animals? Really the importance of early socialization can be seen in her interactions with children, other dogs and other pets. She needs help to better around them and it would be best if she can be raised with them too. Older children are better than younger as the young ones are not as careful and can be rough. Small pets she can see as something to chase still and she tends to challenge other dogs even if they are significantly larger than her. General information
She is an occasional barker but she can be noisy breathing too and may snore. She will need to be fed ½ to 1 cup of good quality dry dog food a day, split into two meals. She can overheat in hot weather so make sure she has water and shade when she is out. Health Concerns
She can inherit health issues from her parents as is possible with any dog. Problems the Shih Tzu and Yorkie can pass on include Legg-Calve-Perthes, Patellar Luxation, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Tracheal collapse, bladder and kidney problems, eye problems, umbilical hernia, liver problems, Allergies, hip dysplasia, ear infections, reverse sneezing, snuffles and dental problems. To lessen the chances at running in to these problems ask the breeder to show you health clearances for both parents. Also visit the puppy before buying to see the conditions they were bred in and how well they are being cared for. Costs involved in owning a Silky Tzu
The Silky Tzu puppy can cost between \$200 to \$1000. Other costs include getting a carrier, crate, collar and leash and having the puppy blood tested, vaccinated, dewormed, micro chipped and eventually spayed. These come to between \$360 to \$400. Annual basic medical costs come to between \$435 to \$535 for check ups, flea prevention, pet insurance and shots. Annual non-medical costs for treats, license, training, grooming, food and toys come to between \$530 to \$630. Names Looking for a Silky Tzu
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A mixed breed dog is one that is the offspring of two different purebred dogs. Purebred dogs have a known ancestry or pedigree. On the other hand, "mutts" are dogs born to parents of an unknown ancestry. A Shih Tzu Terrier Mix is a dog where one parent is a Shih Tzu and the second parent could be any of the many breeds of dogs in the terrier family! As a result of this combination, your dog will develop traits from either side of its parentage. The Shih Tzu (pronounced "Sheed Zoo") was first bred in the 14th century. They were a cherished household pet of the royal Chinese families during the Ming Dynasty. They are thought to have been bred by mixing Lhasa Apso and Pekingese dogs. This history will give your dog a lovable, loyal, lap dog personality. Terriers, on the other hand, were originally bred for hunting and used in various sporting activities. From this background, your mixed breed dog may develop such traits as an affinity for digging or chasing small animals. Is a Shih Tzu Terrier Mix the Right Pet for You? Due to their smaller size, these dogs are well-suited for smaller spaces, such as an apartment. At the same time, they are also quite happy in a larger house as well! They enjoy having some exercise, including, short walks or jogs, or some time in a grassy, fenced in yard to play independently. Be wary-if they are not exercised or left alone for too long, they can get restless and bored and somewhat destructive. They will form a strong bond with you and your children, so they make great family pets. The mixes do tend to suffer from symptoms of separation anxiety, so they are not good dogs if you will need to leave them at home alone all day!. Also, you must keep in mind that they these are small and delicate dogs so they could be injured if a young child tries to hug them too exuberantly or plays too rough! So do not leave alone with toddlers. Both Terriers and Shih Tzus are "hypoallergenic" dogs meaning that they are an excellent choice for those that suffer from allergies. What does a Shih Tzu Terrier Mix look like? [Appearance and Physical Features] The Shih Tzu Terrier Mix dogs come in a wide range of colors and sizes! Because both parents are from different breeds, they can develop traits matching either parent. In a litter, one puppy could look like a terrier, have a personality of a Shih Tzu, while its sibling looks like a Shih Tzu and acts like a terrier. Many of them have coat colors and markings in tan, silver, gray or black. Another trait they can inherit is the flat face of the Shih Tzu (also called brachycephaly) or the longer muzzle of the terrier. Shih Tzus are sometimes called the "Chrysanthemum Dog" because the hair on its face grows in all directions and resembles a flower. Another interesting and unusual trait of the Shih Tzu is its undershot bite, this means his lower jaw is wider than the upper jaw and the upper teeth bite inside the lower teeth rather than outside when his mouth is closed. Your dog could inherit any or all of these fascinating traits! How to Find a Shih Tzu Terrier Puppy [For Sale / Adopt] If you have decided on a Shih Tzu Terrier mix puppy, you must steer clear of puppy mills and pet stores. They often have sick or injured dogs for sale, or pets that come from an unhealthy breeding stock. Instead, purchase your puppy from a reputable breeder or a responsible rescue shelter. A dog purchased from a breeder can cost between \$500 and 1,000. These dogs are carefully screened and come certified as healthy. On the other hand, most rescue shelters will pay for your first trip to the veterinarian. The standard fee for a rescue dog is usually \$50 to 100. To find your puppy, be sure you visit the dog you are looking to purchase first. Observe its living conditions to ensure that they are clean and pleasant. Then, you must examine the health of the puppies in the litter. Check their noses, eyes, and ears for an unhealthy discharge. Make sure that their stools are firm and shiny. Finally, make sure that the breeder tests the health of its breeding stock. If you follow these guidelines, you will be taking home a healthy pet! Care of Your Puppy As with all pets, it is so important that you make some initial purchases to ensure a happy and healthy environment for your new puppy! These items include: easy to clean food and water bowls a high-quality, easy to clean, dog bed a play pen or gate to keep your dog safe and controlled when you can't be with him a carrier, which is useful for travel, but can also give it a cozy spot to sleep in at home a collar, harness, and leash (do not put your leash on the collar, instead use a harness, as collars can lead to breathing issues or serious injury!) an ID tag clothing to keep your puppy warm if you live in a colder climate toys to keep him happy and his mind stimulated bathing and coat supplies dental care items a nail clipper or grinder paw and nose care supplies a car seat and finally, a first aid kit that includes, a thermometer, Vaseline for lubrication, saline eye rinse, hydrogen peroxide, charcoal tablets, Betadine solution, and sterile gauze pads. Feeding Your Shih Tzu Terrier Mix To feed your new dog, when it you first bring it home, be sure that you give it the food that it is used to. If you feel you need to change the food, do this gradually by adding small amounts of the new food to the old food. If you find your dog isn't eating, you are probably going too quickly. Go back a step until your puppy is eating again. Don't let your puppy go hungry as this can stunt his development! Be sure that the food does not include chemicals as certain chemicals can cause dry skin, itching, hair loss, or gastrointestinal distress. A puppy should get four meals each day. Once they reach six months old, this can be reduced to two meals each day. Smaller breeds (less than 20 pounds) use up to 40 calories per pound of body weight each day. However, it is important to note that the size, age, build, metabolism, and activity level will determine how much your dog should eat. Of course, a highly active dog is going to eat more than a calmer dog. The quality of the dog food will also make a difference—the better the food, the less you will need to put into its bowl. Food can be dry, wet, dehydrated, or raw. Feel free to feed them healthy snacks like boiled eggs but in moderation. Avoid store bought chemically dense snacks Training Your Shih Tzu Terrier pup When training your new dog, it is important that you start early and be consistent. They tend to be eager to please, but at the same time they can have a short attention span and be stubborn. Be sure that you supervise your puppy indoors until he has not eliminated indoors for at least four to eight weeks. Crate training is helpful and provides your dog with a quiet place to relax.Always be sure that your training methods include positive reinforcement, such as a treat or the click of a clicker, and not harsh punishment. Grooming Your Shih Tzu Terrier Dog A Shih Tzu puppy has a soft, manageable coat until it reaches seven months. At that time, a second, longer coat, will start to grow in. This coat can grow to floor length if left untrimmed. On the other hand, a terrier has a wiry, shorter, more practical and weather-resistant coat. Your new puppy could have either of these characteristics, or even something in between! If your dog has a longer coat it will mat easily and it may need to be groomed, brushed and combed daily. In addition, it will require weekly bathing. Oftentimes, the owners of these dogs will give up on the chore of daily brushing and take him to a professional groomer every six to eight weeks to keep his hair short and more manageable. If your dog's coat is on the shorter side, it may only need to be groomed weekly. If you choose to groom your own longer-haired dog yourself, be sure that you brush all the way down to the skin. Most experienced groomers teach their dog to lie on their side while they brush the coat in sections. It's easier and more comfortable for the dog to do it this way! At about 10 to 12 months of age, the puppy's hair changes from puppy fluff to a silky adult coat. You'll probably find it difficult to keep up with the brushing as the hair mats very quickly. Don't give up! Once the adult hair is fully in, the brushing will get easier. Aside from regular brushing, your pup's nails should be trimmed monthly. Once a week, you should check his ears for dirt, redness, or a bad odor that can indicate an infection. Wipe them out weekly with a cotton ball dipped in a gentle, pH-balanced ear cleaner. Sometimes, you may need to pluck hairs that grow in your dog's ear canal if he gets a lot of ear infections. Finally, wipe his face with a soft cloth dampened with warm water after meals. Regular brushing of his teeth with a soft toothbrush and doggie toothpaste will keep his teeth and gums healthy. Shih Tzu Terrier Mix Health Issues and Concerns Shih Tzu Terrier Mixes have the benefit of hybrid vigor. This means that because they are a mixture of two different breeds and therefore, two different gene pools they are less likely to show certain genetic conditions. However, mixed-breed dogs can inherit genetic conditions from either parent. When choosing a dog, it's best to choose one with a longer muzzle, like a terrier. A Shih Tzu is brachycephalic, or short-muzzled. This can lead to certain problems. Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome can lead to breathing difficulties, including wheezing and snoring. Another condition, brachycephalic ocular syndrome can lead to eye problems. In addition, at short muzzle can also make your dog more susceptible to heat stroke, so make sure to keep him indoors and in air-conditioned rooms during hot weather. Other serious conditions that Shih Tzus are prone to include: dental problems that result from their undershot bite, renal dysplasia (kidney problems), allergies, hip dysplasia (abnormal development of hip sockets), and thyroid conditions. On the other hand, terriers come with their own list of problems, including, joint problems, luxating patella (dislocated knee cap), heart and eye problems, missing or deformed kidneys, and liver abnormalities. Also, while all dogs tend to eat their own or other animals' feces (called coprophagia), Shih Tzus are more prone to this behavior. It is best to not allow this to become a habit. Watch your dog closely and always clean up poop right away. Different Breeds of Shih Tzu Terrier Mix There are multiple breeds of Shih Tzu Terriers. The most common of them include: Shih Tzu and Yorkshire Terrier Mix (Shorkie). Bred for hunting, these tiny dogs are independent thinkers with very little patience, so they are not the best choice for homes with very small children. They have a fondness for barking, which can be a problem for some owners. They are also very sociable but can be distrusting of strangers. However, they are lovable and make the perfect lap dog! Shih Tzu and Silky Terrier Mix (Silky Tzu). These dogs are known for their cuteness—a broad, round face, button eyes, and a round, black nose. They have a small muzzle and floppy ears. Their legs are short and they have a small furry tail. These social animals are friendly and affectionate and love to play! Shih Tzu and Cairn Terrier Mix (Care Tzu). A fun fact, Toto in the movie, The Wizard of Oz was a Care Tzu! These dogs are small and playful! (between 9 and 15 pounds). Cairn Terriers are active breeds and have a history as fox hunters in Scotland, so don't be surprised if they chase birds in your yard. Make sure he gets plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. Shih Tzu and Jack Russel Terrier Mix (Jack Tzu). This is an intelligent breed, but may be somewhat mischievous and an independent thinker. He may have natural problem-solving skills and love to play. They can be a bit vocal and aloof with strangers. Shih Tzu and Poodle Mix (Shih Poo). These little dogs can be bred from either a toy or miniature poodly, making them zesty, energetic and fun-loving. He's a smart dog, so he will be easier to train, however, he can be stubborn and with a short attention span, so patience is required. They will almost always have a wavy coat, if there is a lot of poodle, it will be curly. Other common mixes include the Fo Tzu (Shih Tzu and Fox Terrier), Sco Shih (Shih Tzu and Scottish Terrier), Bo Shih (Shih Tzu and Boston Terrier), and the Ratshi Terrier (Shih Tzu and Rat Terrier). In conclusion, a Shih Tzu Terrier Mix dog is a wonderful and lovable pet for many different living situations! They are loyal and energetic and are great with children and the elderly. They come in a variety of looks and colors to love and cuddle. This makes them the best of both pups!

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