



*Square body outline. Sturdy build.  
Strong and active.*

# West Highland White Terrier

**Originating in the mountains of Western Scotland, the West Highland White Terrier was probably a white Cairn Terrier that the Colonel Malcolm de Poltalloch family bred selectively to produce this new white breed. The standard for the breed was established in 1906 by the first West Highland White Terrier Club. The breed became fashionable and is now quite popular.**

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## SMALL TERRIERS

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Great Britain  
Scotland

### OTHER NAME

Westie



Small Breeds  
under 10 kg  
(under 20 lb)

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### Character, special skills and training

This rustic, lively, courageous, independent, stubborn dog has a strong personality. He is an affectionate, cheerful pet that loves children. This excellent little guard dog also sounds the alarm at the least provocation. The Westie is a skilled hunter whose prey is

fox, badger and other vermin. If he receives proper, firm training, the Westie makes an excellent addition to the household.

### Care and functions

This little dog adjusts well to life as a house dog provided he gets long walks. Daily brushing is required. Maintaining the white coat requires special care. Professional grooming is unnecessary unless the dog spends a lot of time outdoors.

- Hunting dog.
- Pet.

### HEAD

*Round. Slightly domed skull. Pronounced stop. Nose bridge narrows towards the nose. Heavy eyebrows. Strong jaws.*

### EYES

*Medium size, wide set, not round. Colour as dark as possible.*

### EARS

*Small, carried tightly erect. Terminate in a sharp point.*

### BODY

*Compact. Muscular neck. Chest is well let down. Ribs*

*well sprung. Powerful hindquarters. Straight back. Broad, strong loin.*

### LIMBS

*Strong, round feet. Short, muscular, sinewy legs.*

### TAIL

*12.5 to 15 cm (5 to 6 in) long, covered with hard hair. As straight as possible. Carried proudly but not gaily and not curving over the back.*

### COAT

*Approx. 5 cm (2 in) long, straight and hard. Under-*

*coat is short, soft and dense.*

### COLOUR

*White.*

### SIZE

*28 cm (11 in).*

### WEIGHT

*6 to 8 kg (13-17.5 lb).*