



## **Questions you need to ask yourself before committing to a rescue**

**So you've decided that a rehomed or rescued Kerry Blue Terrier is the dog for you and before you commit to one please ensure that you have fully thought it through as owning a dog is a big commitment. We've compiled the list below of things to consider. This list is certainly not exhaustive but give you an idea of things to think about with this breed.**

- You have the patience and calmness needed to take on a rehomed dog.
- You are committed to the dog which could be for as long as 15 years.
- You can you afford to feed, insure, vaccinate, worm, flea and grooming your Kerry.
- You will complete any training needed for the dog which may include lifelong training.
- You are prepared for a dog with high energy levels and are ready to walk them daily, this could be depending on the dog up to 2 hours a day regardless of the weather outside.
- You are aware that your Kerry may be unpredictable at times and may not like other dogs or animals and are prepared to live your lives accordingly.
- You are happy that your dog may bark a lot at small noises and that they may take to digging holes in your garden or chewing furniture in your house.
- You have researched the breed extensively including their funny quirks and behaviours and are prepared to accept these no matters what.
- You acknowledge that they are terriers and just because they can look like fluffy teddy bears they are not; they are hunters and very clever; that you need "that touch" with your Kerry and will need to be more resilient than your dog and you will keep the upper hand.
- You understand that they will try and outsmart their owners.
- You realise that a Kerry's coat (whilst lovely) needs a lot of grooming and are committed to brushing them daily and having them cut every 6 to 8 weeks.
- You realise that a terrier is always a "special" dog, and for a lot of people the most wonderful friend for life but that Kerrys are not for everyone. They need unique people for a unique type of dog.
- You have the sense of humour needed to own a Kerry Blue Terrier.

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- Are you prepared that it may take up to 6 months for your Kerry to completely settle?
- You are prepared that owning and raising a Kerry can be the most challenging test of dog ownership but are aware it's also the most rewarding and that what you do get after owning and getting the unconditional love from this breed is that another breed just doesn't cut it; their love is unconditional and they will fiercely protect their families.

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