

SAFETY tips for TINY YORKIES

At the time you receive your tiny pup you will realise this is NO normal pup, but an extremely tiny, ball of fire.

They are energetic, hard sometimes to keep control of - playful - so please if the pup starts jumping around on your lap, rather sit on the floor with it. It cannot fall too far if it is on the floor.

You must invest in a playpen and preferably the canvas type. They are considerably warmer than the metal type. Keep your TINY in here at all times, when you are not with the pup. Beware of DRAFTS, cover one side of the playpen at night and in the day if there is a possibility of a draft. It will make the pen that more cozy. NO tiny of 200 odd or 300 odd grams can walk around in safety. The PEN will be its home until it is considerably older. Let the pup sleep in this pen as well at night. Keep the pen as close to your bed as possible, you will need to feed that pup initially every three hours during the night, for a good few months. My one really tiny teacup, still sleeps in her carrier/pen at night, there is no way I would let her run around and no way she would be allowed on the bed, she is put to bed with water and kibble she is an adult dog. She barks if she finishes her water in the night, for MOTHER to fill up. Her bowls are hamster bowls, which suit her perfectly.

When the weather is chilly, use a Snugglesafe. Heat it in the microwave and cover with a baby blanket, roll it up in the baby blanket, then put another baby blanket on the top of it that is folded in four. This ensures there is warmth available if the pup needs it, but it also ensures, the pup will not overheat.

Jerseys etc, I am not a fan. If you are not very careful they will destroy the coat of your pup, the pup may very well overheat, which will result in your pup shedding coat. Something you want to avoid at all costs.

DO NOT allow people to sit with the pup on their knee without holding onto it, accidents can happen, and if a tiny like this takes a fall, you could be in for a serious problem. DO NOT allow a tiny like this onto your bed unless you are watching very closely and then you are taking a chance. My real tinies are not allowed on our bed. Charm my 602gm 7 year old teacup does sleep on the bed BUT he has only done so from about 2 years of age, and he is highly intelligent and knows he cannot jump down so wakes my Hubby up when he needs to use the paper or drink some water. If my Hubby falls asleep again before he comes back to get on the bed he will bark, if my Hubby does not hear him, he will come to my side of the bed and bark, one of us will hear him and pick him up again. We have actually modified our bed that it is pretty low on the ground. This taken into account, it would still be dangerous for a tiny to jump from any height.

You can invest in stairs but here again, I do not think it a great idea for such a tiny. To start with they won't be able to jump the first step for quite a number of months - and possibly never.

DO NOT put your tiny down in public. If it needs the loo, go to a public toilet and put down a puppy pad for it to use or put it in a carrier with a puppy pad. A tiny cannot risk picking up anything. You will be amazed just how fast they learn. One of my real tinies a good few years back, used to know that we went to the public loo if she needed to go, the paper went down and she did her thing. YORKIES are highly intelligent, easily trainable; it just takes patience and time.

Do not feed spoils etc, a tiny is just that tiny and so is that tummy. Keep the pup fed on the recommended food as per your information sheet. We believe that irrespective of the size of any pup, it is a dog, and you must not lose sight of that. FEED quality dog food. Royal Canin, junior up until 10 months of age, and thereafter ROYAL CANIN YORKIE ADULT. Feed dry. Your pup may very well still be eating, soft dog food, you will have been instructed accordingly at the time of receiving your pup. Please NO TREATS, no table scraps. Remember that tiny has a very tiny throat do not feed anything that can stick in that throat, that alone could become your worst nightmare. The smallest piece of treat etc stuck in a tinies throat, and not removed properly and safely could result in your tiny dying. Do not take chances.

Ensure your pup is inoculated and dewormed when required. Worming such a tiny is MAJOR important. NO ticks and fleas on a tiny, I doubt if they would survive having lillary.

If you have decided to go the tiny route. You are on duty 24/7 -365 days of the year. NO breaks, no short cuts.

If you become lazy or negligent, don't say you were not warned. These pups need to be kept an eye on, and you would not leave a human baby unattended - don't do it to a teacup.

Our pups carry health guarantees but that applies to a pup having been diagnosed when a pup - before a year of age, with a serious health issue, that is life threatening. EG liver or heart disease. If you drop your pup, etc, this is not guaranteed, if your pup dies because it was not eating properly and left without vet intervention, again not guaranteed. The reason we are super fussy who we let these babies go to.

IF we have entrusted one of our very special TINIES to you, we must have felt confident that you were more than capable of looking after such a tiny.

IF HOWEVER, you feel this is too much for you, or you become nervous of the situation, and would rather return the pup, please feel free to do so. We as the BREEDERS would far rather the pup was returned to us than have you experience a very unpleasant situation.

A TINY is not suited to many people. One has to have that mothering instinct to go that extra mile. The reason that these pups are suited to LADIES who have had their children that have flown the nest, Ladies who cannot have children, or single parents wanting to be just that A PARENT.

We do not agree with children owning such small dogs, or teenagers or students, they have enough to contend with in this day and age. You would not give your newborn child to your child now would you? Don't expect us to give you the tiniest pup to be a child's pet, it will not last a week and we do not want any unpleasant situations on our hands or conscience.

WE do not approve of our tinies being bought as a Fashion statement or something to brag with. YES it is amazing when you are stopped in the Mall and the public ooh and aah at the tiny in your hand. BUT please never hand that tiny to any of the public, they can look with their eyes. Only once you own such a precious pup will you realise just how important it is to follow our rules and recommendations. We have adult teacups at 600gms. Strong, sturdy and healthy dogs. The majority of our teacups will reach 1kg or 1.1kg at that weight they are solid dogs, not a lightweight animal.

We breed genuine tinies. Our genuine tinies will eat from 18 days old and will eat every three hours, that means, we as the Breeders have fed

them 24/7 every three hours. NOT easy I can assure you. A pup with such a low body mass has a very high metabolic rate and therefore the reason it eats that often. Pro rata these pups eat considerably more than the normal sized yorkie pup.

All our tinies eat from a very young age eg. 18 days old. There is no such thing that any pup is TOO small to eat.

We will only release our tinies once we feel the pup is capable of leaving us, and that the new owner will go that extra mile. We will release the pup anytime from 8 weeks of age, but only once we are happy to do so. A good few remain here till they are 10 and 12 weeks of age. Our vet will have checked the pup. We will NEVER sell a pup we feel is not 100%. We will never sell a pup with a health AGENDA. The tinies have a bad reputation, and a lot of people out there believe a TINY is a sickly dog. NOT so. We breed ours correctly, they are not bred from mouse sized dogs and we do not INTERBREED at all. The gene for those tinies is carried in our bloodlines.

Lastly we will not be threatened by anyone who wants a tiny but is not a suitable owner. WITH US - it is always about the pup in question - what is right for that particular pup. NOT what is right for someone wanting to own a pup they do not have the correct lifestyle for, to rear and raise and live to a ripe old age. IT IS OUR DECISION who we entrust with our pups lives.

