

Who We Are

Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida is dedicated to the rescue and re-homing of Scottish Terriers throughout Florida.

The foster dogs come to us from a variety of sources. Some are abandoned by their owners or are turned in to an animal shelter. Others are picked up as strays and never claimed. Occasionally, owners must give up their dogs because of medical problems, moving into retirement homes, divorce, or a new baby. Some become homeless because they outlive their owners. We take them in, love them like our own, and ensure their medical needs are taken care of.

While the dogs are in our care, they are spayed or neutered, heartworm tested, vaccinated and observed in our homes with our families. We assess the dog's needs and find a great home from our pool of applicants.

The adoption donation varies dependent upon the health and age of the individual dog. We require completion of an adoption application, a reference from your veterinarian, two personal references and a home visit prior to adoption. The dog must come back to us at any time should he or she not work out in its new home.

About the breed

Scotties are big dogs in a little package. They normally weigh in around 18-25 lbs and are black, brindle or wheaten in color. They need to be professionally groomed on a regular basis (6 - 8 weeks), brushed and combed at least once a week, and kept free of fleas.



We know that Scotties are not the breed for everyone, so we try to make sure that you know something about this breed before you make the long term commitment to care for and love one of these dogs. Scotties do need to be primarily inside dogs and we will not place dogs that will be left outside for extended periods.

Scotties originally came from Scotland where they were bred to hunt vermin. Their prey-drive is usually very strong, and nothing can stop them once they have their mind made up. Their powerful jaws can instantly kill rodents.

Our beloved Scotties are loyal, independent, and aloof at times, but are grand masters at stealing hearts. They can hold a grudge and charm the socks off of the object of their affection. They are intelligent dogs who respond extremely well to positive, reward based training.

Brought up with children who respect the breed's independent nature, Scotties will adjust to the children's activity but, as with all dogs, require close parental supervision to ensure everyone's safety.

Favorite games are those that appeal to the Scottie's hunting instincts: the ball to be pursued, the squeak toy to be demolished, rambles to be enjoyed in fields or even on city streets.

The goal of Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida is to place every one of our dogs in a loving, permanent home. Should you adopt one of our Rescue Scotties and give it your affection, you will be rewarded many times over with eternal love and gratitude.