

# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW SEALYHAM TERRIER

Congratulations on the new addition of a Sealyham Terrier to your life. The more you know about this wonderful little dog and its unique characteristics, the better you will appreciate your dog and be able to provide the care it needs. We hope that the information provided here will be helpful and answer some questions. The Sealyham is a proud, compact, sturdy little dog that makes an ideal companion. He is very inquisitive, charming and loveable. He is friendly and responsive to human contacts.

The American Sealyham Terrier Club (ASTC) is presently comprised of 300 Sealyham breeders and pet owners worldwide, devoted to the betterment and promotion of the breed since the club was formed in 1913. Membership is open to all persons worldwide who are interested in promoting and loving the Sealyham. One of the advantages of membership is a very popular newsletter with articles on health and grooming, photos of members with their dogs, and generally keeping members apprised of what's going on in our far-flung membership. Visit our website at <http://clubs.akc.org/sealy>.



## Breed Description

The Sealyham Terrier stands 10 1/2" at the shoulder and weighs approximately 24 lbs. Other than markings on the head, the Sealyham should be all white. The coat is a double coat that is hard, wiry and weather-resistant. Small dark eyes peer out from under ample brows, and thick whiskers give the face a look of finish and power, while the big nose con-



stantly screens signals from the world. Everything about the Sealyham indicates strength. Short legs are furnished with substantial development of bone and muscle. The back is level and the short docked tail stands up with the audacity of the dog that it is attached to. He can cover ground at a speed that belies his size and should be the embodiment of power and determination, ever keen and alert.

## Taking Care of Your Sealyham Terrier

Your first step to insure your Sealyham's future health is to choose a veterinarian you like and trust. Choose a high quality food for your Sealy. This is very important for his skin, coat, and the animal's overall health. Your new Sealy will benefit from daily exercise, play and training with plenty of love, which is important for his mental well-being. Consider enrolling your Sealyham in local dog training classes, puppy kindergarten, basic obedience and agility. It is important that your dog is socialized well with other dogs. When locating these classes, find instructors that train with positive motivation. There are many performance events that your Sealy can compete in, and you can get information from the American Kennel Club's website, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

Introduce your Sealy to grooming at an early age. Brushing and combing is necessary at least twice a week to remove all mats. Mats can become a serious problem especially if wet and there is additional dis-



comfort in having them shaved out. Trimming every month will help keep the Sealy's good looks. Contact the ASTC for a handbook on grooming Sealyhams.

### **Should I Neuter My Sealy or Plan To Breed?**

Breeding a litter of puppies is a serious endeavor and should not be a casual undertaking. Every living creature deserves a good home. It is an important obligation that a breeder carefully places each dog in a responsible and loving home. Learn all you can about Sealyhams before breeding your dog. Responsible breeders give a lot of thought and consideration to their breeding programs. They address health issues, genetic concerns, temperament, soundness and appearance before breeding their dogs. Responsible breeders also take a life-long interest in the puppies they produce by following their development, advising buyers on problems, and finding new homes if needed. If you are serious about becoming an educated breeder, there are many Sealy owners that have taken this route and had a lot of fun producing and exhibiting top quality Sealyhams. The ASTC has a mentoring program to help novice breeders and will find an experienced Sealyham breeder in your area to help you through each step.

To prevent unwanted litters, and to avoid some



problems, many pet owners spay or neuter their pets. A neutered dog will not be excluded from participating in any of the AKC performance events such as obedience, Rally, earth dog, and agility trials.

### **Canine Health Foundation**

Many ASTC members support health research for the Sealyham through the AKC Canine Health Foundation—a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. Supporting the Canine Health Foundation will help ensure a healthy future for all dogs. For more information about ongoing health research to help Sealyhams, see [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) or call toll free 888-682-9696.

### **Protecting Your Sealyham**

Consider protecting your Sealyham with permanent identification. A microchip and/or tattoo can be registered with AKC's Companion Animal Recovery. A 24-hour toll-free hotline helps locate the owners. There is a 100% re-homing rate with enrolled animals. For information, call (800) 252-7894. Local dog clubs sponsor clinics where this can be done. Make sure your Sealy is exercised on lead or in a fenced area.

### **For Additional Information Resources**

Contact the ASTC through our website at <http://clubs.akc.org/sealy>. Consider joining the ASTC...you will be provided with a wonderful information packet and the newsletter. There is also a regional club, The Sealyham Terrier Club of Southern California. Visit their website at <http://www.geocities.com/Heatland/Ranch5906/club.htm>. *The Officers, Directors and Members of The American Sealyham Terrier Club look forward to hearing from you.*

As the owner of a new Sealyham, you also might consider purchasing the *Official Book of the Sealyham Terrier* by Murial P. Lee. It consists of 152 pages of marvelous information about breeding, grooming and showing your Sealy. Other subjects include agility, obedience and tracking. The book measures 7" by 10" and includes 140 black and white photos and 24 full color photos. If interested, please send \$40.00 payable to ASTC (this includes shipping and handling) to: Brenda Hickernell, 2256 High St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

