

# Nutrition Common Diseases And General Care Of Your Yorkshire Terrier

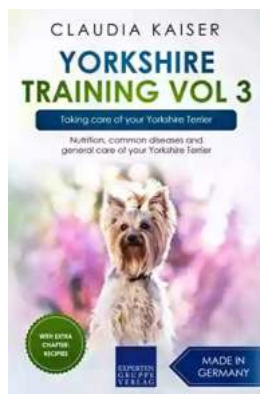
Yorkshire Terriers, also known as Yorkies, are small and adorable dogs that make wonderful companions. However, like any other living creature, they are susceptible to various diseases and health issues. By providing proper nutrition and general care, you can help keep your Yorkshire Terrier healthy and happy throughout their lives.

## Nutrition for Yorkshire Terriers

Good nutrition is crucial for the overall health and well-being of your Yorkshire Terrier. You need to ensure that they are receiving a balanced diet that meets their nutritional requirements. Here are some key factors to keep in mind:

### 1. Quality Dog Food

Choose a high-quality dog food brand that is specifically formulated for small breed dogs. Look for a label that states it meets the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) standards. Avoid generic or cheap brands, as they may lack the necessary nutrients.



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## 2. Protein and Fat

Yorkshire Terriers require a diet with higher protein and fat content compared to larger breeds. Protein helps in muscle development, while fat provides energy. Look for dog food that contains animal-based protein sources like chicken, fish, or beef.

## 3. Portion Control

Yorkies are known to have a small appetite, but it's important not to overfeed them. Obesity can lead to various health issues, including joint problems and heart diseases. Follow the recommended portion size guidelines provided on the dog food packaging.

## 4. Avoid Harmful Foods

Some human foods are toxic to dogs and can cause serious health problems. Never feed your Yorkshire Terrier chocolate, grapes, onions, garlic, caffeine, or alcohol. These foods can be toxic and lead to digestive issues, organ failure, or even death.

## Common Diseases in Yorkshire Terriers

While Yorkshire Terriers are generally healthy dogs, they are prone to certain genetic health issues and diseases. Knowing and understanding these common diseases can help you take preventive measures and seek prompt veterinary care. Here are some of the most common health problems in Yorkshire Terriers:

## **1. Patellar Luxation**

Patellar luxation, also known as a dislocated knee cap, is one of the most common orthopedic issues in Yorkshire Terriers. It occurs when the patella, a small bone in the knee joint, slips or dislocates from its normal position. This can cause lameness and discomfort in your dog's hind legs. Surgical correction may be necessary in severe cases.

## **2. Dental Problems**

Yorkies are prone to dental diseases, such as tooth decay, gum disease, and dental tartar buildup. Regular dental care is essential to prevent oral health issues. Brush your Yorkie's teeth regularly using a dog-specific toothpaste and toothbrush. Your veterinarian may also recommend professional dental cleanings.

## **3. Tracheal Collapse**

Tracheal collapse is a common respiratory problem in Yorkshire Terriers. It occurs when the cartilage rings of the trachea weaken and collapse, causing difficulty in breathing. Yorkies may experience wheezing, honking cough, and respiratory distress. Avoid using collars or harnesses that put pressure on the neck and throat area.

## **4. Portosystemic Shunt**

Portosystemic shunt is a liver condition where blood vessels bypass the liver, causing toxins to circulate throughout the body. Yorkshire Terriers are predisposed to this inherited condition. Symptoms may include stunted growth, poor appetite, weakness, seizures, and urinary issues. Surgery may be necessary to correct the shunt.

## **General Care for Your Yorkshire Terrier**

In addition to providing proper nutrition and being aware of common health problems, general care is essential to keep your Yorkshire Terrier healthy and happy. Here are some general care tips:

## **1. Regular Exercise**

Despite their small size, Yorkies need regular exercise to maintain good muscle tone and overall health. Take them for daily walks or engage them in indoor play sessions. However, avoid excessive physical activities that could put strain on their fragile joints.

## **2. Grooming**

Yorkshire Terriers have a long, silky coat that requires regular grooming to prevent matting and tangles. Brush their fur daily using a soft brush or comb. Additionally, trim their nails regularly, clean their ears to prevent infections, and brush their teeth as mentioned earlier.

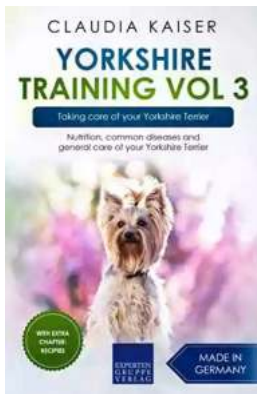
## **3. Preventive Veterinary Care**

Annual veterinary check-ups are crucial for early detection and prevention of health problems. Your veterinarian may recommend vaccinations, parasite prevention, blood tests, and regular dental cleanings. Following their advice will help ensure your Yorkshire Terrier's overall well-being.

## **4. Socialization and Mental Stimulation**

Yorkies are intelligent and social animals. They require mental stimulation and regular social interactions to prevent boredom and anxiety. Provide them with interactive toys, playtime with other dogs, and positive training sessions to keep their minds active and engaged.

Proper nutrition, awareness of common diseases, and general care are paramount for the good health of your Yorkshire Terrier. By providing a balanced diet, addressing their specific nutritional needs, and being vigilant about their well-being, you can ensure a long and happy life for your beloved Yorkshire Terrier companion.



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Taking care of a dog is often ...

- ... underrated and regarded as being unnecessary.
- ... only related to the grooming of the fur.
- ... completely neglected by many owners.

What is really important about the care of your Yorkshire Terrier and how do you feed him properly? How can you recognise diseases and parasites early and, if possible, even prevent them?

If you want to know how and how often to check on your Yorkshire Terrier's eyes, ears, teeth, paws, fur and skin, this guidebook is exactly right for you. You will learn what to watch out for. You will also learn what to watch out for when you buy commercially prepared food and what the advantages and disadvantages are of the various alternative methods of feeding, such as home-cooked, BARF or vegetarian or vegan feeding. In addition, you will discover everything you need to know about vaccinations and castration to help you decide whether they are right for you and your Yorkshire Terrier.

This is volume three of the Yorkshire Terrier training guides.

Volume 1 for your Yorkshire Terrier puppy is also available on Amazon with the title "Yorkshire Training: Dog Training for your Yorkshire Terrier puppy".

Vol. 2 for your grown up Yorkshire Terrier is also available with the title "Yorkshire Training Vol. 2: Dog Training for your grown-up Yorkshire Terrier"

The author Claudia Kaiser says about her book:

"I love my dogs and know what is important to watch out for regarding their nutrition and general care. Many owners underestimate how important it is to find out more about what you are feeding your dog. Many owners also underestimate the time it takes to care for his physical wellness and how important it is to recognise disease or parasites early. These things add enormously to the quality of life and happiness of your dog."

Read about background information, read reports on others' experiences and obtain step-by-step instructions and secret tips which are tailor-made for your

Yorkshire Terrier.

Get your copy of this book today and discover ...

- ... How to feed your Yorkshire Terrier in a healthy way consistent with his breed.
- ... How to examine him to recognise disease early and to ensure his correct care.
- ... And all that without having any previous experience in that area.

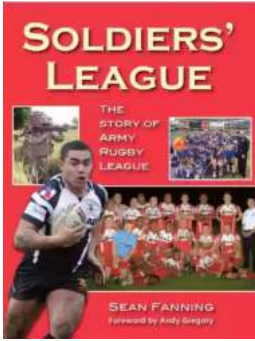
Additionally, you will receive a special chapter about “Cooking your own dog food” free of charge!

Content of this book:

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  - Basic rules for feeding
  - When to let your Yorkshire Terrier make decisions
  - What goes into the food bowl?
  - Regulating your Yorkshire Terrier’s water supply
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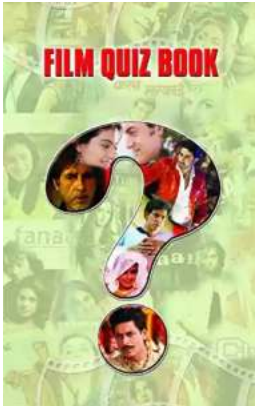
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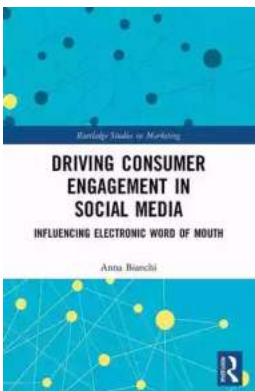
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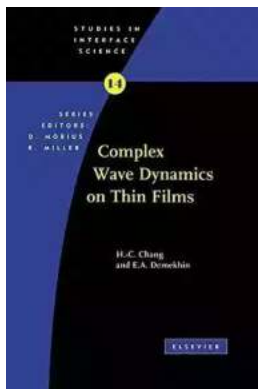
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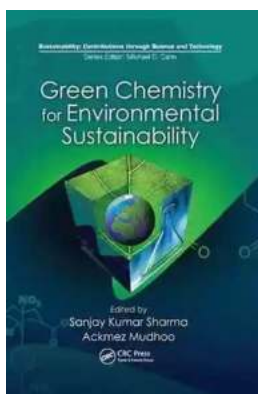
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