Terrier Characteristics

Terriers were created to fight vermin above and below ground. Once a terrier "goes to ground" it's often impossible to get him out. That's why they bark. The owners locate them by the yapping and dig them free. No bark, no dig, no dog. Consequently, many terriers are barkers. Bred to fight often larger animals in tight places, these dogs tend to respond to surprise, anger, frustration, over-excitement or annoyance with barking and/or aggression. If you like feisty, impish, funny, Napoleonic dogs, than a terrier is for you!