

## TRAINING YORKIES EARS TO STAND

Most Yorkie puppy's ears are standing by the time they're 3 months old, but teething can make them "flop". The larger the ear, the harder to stand. But... it can be done as long as the pup is under 6 months old. First shave hair off the top one third of the ear. Hair on the ears weighs the ears down and keeps them from standing. I use a Wahl mustache clipper; from Walmart. Picture the front of your Yorkie's ear. Then picture an inverted "V". Shave off all the hair on the inside of the V. (See below Shave F)

Next, turn the ear over and shave the outside exactly like the drawing to the right (See Below Shave) outside of the ear is shaved straight across 1/3 of the ear.



Next, clean out your pup's ears; use any good ear cleaning solution and a q tip. Dry the ears thoroughly; a blow dryer on low works nicely. Now, fold the ear toward the front like you were closing it up vertically (up and down). Now the ear should be sticking straight up in a point.



Wrap a piece of gauze around the ear and then secure it by wrapping scotch tape around the gauze. It has to be tight enough that it will stay for a while but not so tight that it cuts off the circulation in the ear. Make sure the ear is standing straight up on the dog's head and not dipping to the side.

**Note: The gauze used for show dogs to protect the hair on their ears. If yours is a pet, use only scotch tape; he may loose a few hairs, but not enough to make a difference.**

The ears should be taped for 3 days. Only re-tape the ear that's drooping. Leave the other one alone till it starts drooping, tape it again. Leave it up for 24 hrs and then take it down and wait till it starts drooping again. Keep at it until they're up permanently.