

# The History of the Mi-Ki Breed

Maureen VanWormer-Westburg began creating the breed in the late 1980's right here in the United States. Maureen also went by the nickname of Micky Macklin. That is where the breed name Mi-Ki (pronounced Mee-Kee) originated from.

She began with a handful of dogs that had the character traits and qualities that she wanted in a single breed. She intentionally bred for the "Ewok or Gizmo" look. Some people also say the Mi-Ki looks like a Furby.

Maureen purposely bred for a non-shedding, hypo-allergenic coat. The breed actually has rooted hair and not fur, which makes the Mi-Ki a GREAT choice for people with allergies. Mi-Kis also have little to no dander.

They were bred to be an outgoing toy-sized companion dog with a larger than life personality. The standard adult weight is between 4 and 8lbs. The average adult weight of So Fine puppies is between 3<sup>1/2</sup> to 5<sup>1/2</sup> pounds. They are very, very calm and affectionate!

Breeders have been breeding Mi-Ki to Mi-Ki since the early 1990's. It takes two Mi-Kis to make a Mi-Ki. It is NOT a designer breed, but a purebred dog whose DNA profile is different enough from all other breeds that a DNA marker has been discovered for this rare canine.

Please go to [www.wisdompanel.com](http://www.wisdompanel.com) to learn more about MARS Veterinarian's two DNA Heritage tests, the [Professional \(blood test\)](#) and the [Insight \(swab\) test](#). The Professional test can detect 225+ breeds, where as the Insight test can only detect 185+. A licensed vet must perform the Professional test.

The Wisdom Panel tests were designed to reveal the ancestry of a mixed breed dog. If a dog is a Mi-Ki, the test results will ONLY show Mi-Ki. If it is a mix, it will reveal which breeds were found.

The largest portion of the MiKi's heritage comes from the Shih Tzu, Maltese and at least two other breeds have been positively identified. We are patiently awaiting for the MARS Veterinarian scientists that discovered the Mi-Ki heritage marker to reveal EXACTLY, what breeds make up our beloved breed. This will put an end to the speculation and guessing that continues to this day.