

CAIRN TERRIER

GROUP: Terrier

SIZE:

From 9 ½ to 10 inches in height at withers; length of body from 14 ½ to 15 inches from front of chest to back of hindquarters; males having the taller height and longer length, females the shorter. Ideal weight of 14 pounds for males, 13 pounds for females.

NOTE: The height and weight of the Cairn, which differs from that of other terriers, is important in giving the breed the distinctive conformation of "Cairnishness." There is one, and only one, correct size for the Cairn Terrier, and the dogs should be in proper proportion to the standard height and weight.

COAT:

Very important that coat is double coated with profuse, harsh, but not coarse, outer coat with short undercoat being soft, furry, and close; weather resistant.

COLOR:

All colors acceptable except white; normal colors are cream, wheaten, red, gray, or nearly black; brindling in colors is acceptable; dark ears, muzzle and tail tip desirable.

HEAD:

Broad skull in proportion to length with definite stop; well furnished with hair on top of head, which may be somewhat softer than body coat.

Muzzle: Strong, but not too long or heavy.

Teeth: Large and neither overshot nor undershot.

Eyes: Medium in size and set wide apart, rather sunken, with shaggy eyebrows; dark hazel color.

Ears: Small, pointed, well carried and erect, but not too closely set; free from long hairs.

Nose: Black.

NECK:

Well set on, but not short.

BODY:

Well muscled, strong, active body with well-sprung, deep ribs, coupled to strong hindquarters; strong, supple loin.

Topline: Level and of medium length, giving an impression of strength and activity without heaviness.

FOREQUARTERS:

Sloping shoulders; forelegs of medium length with good, but not too heavy bone, never out at elbows; covered with harsh hair.

HINDQUARTERS:

Very strong hind legs and muscular thighs; good, but not excessive bent of stifle; hocks well let down, inclining neither in nor out when viewed from rear.

Feet: Forefeet larger than the hind, may be slightly turned out; dewclaws removed.

Tail: Short, balanced, well furnished with hair, but not feathery; neither set high or low; carried gaily, but not curled over back.

MOVEMENT:

Should move easily and freely on a loose lead.

TEMPERAMENT:

Robust, active, game, hardy, small working terrier; courageous, but not aggressive.

Faults:

- ★ Skull: Too narrow.
- ★ Muzzle: Too long and heavy a foreface; mouth overshot or undershot.
- ★ Eyes: Too large, prominent, yellow, and ringed.
- ★ Ears: Too large, round at points, set too close together, set too high on head; heavily covered with hair.
- ★ Legs and Feet: Too light or too heavy bone; crooked forelegs or out at elbow; thin, ferrety feet; feet let down on the heel or too open and spread; too high or too low on the leg.
- ★ Body: Too short back and compact a body, hampering quickness of movement and turning ability; too long, weedy and shaky a body, giving an impression of weakness; back not level.
- ★ Tail: Set on too low.
- ★ Coat: Open coats, blousy coats, too short or dead coats, lack of sufficient undercoat, lack of head furnishing, lack of hard hair on legs; silkiness or curliness (slight wave permissible).
- ★ Nose: Flesh or light-colored.
- ★ Color: White on chest, feet or other parts of body.

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard

Disqualifications:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Solid white.

Albinism.