

JACK RUSSELL TERRIER

GROUP: Terrier

SIZE:

9-15 inches; often shown as two classes, but not separated for APRI shows; all acceptable sizes shown together with no preference. WEIGHT: 10-18 pounds, proportionate to height.

COAT:

Three coat types: *Smooth*, *Rough*, and *Broken*. All coat types are dense, hard, and weather resistant, and cover the entire dog, including the belly and underside of thighs.

Smooth:

Double-coated.

Rough:

Double-coated with short, dense undercoat and very dense, wiry outer coat; hair over eyes and on muzzle form eyebrows and a beard; outer coat should not be so long as to obscure the outline of the dog.

Broken:

Double-coated with any intermediate coat between a rough and smooth coat; lies closer to the body than a rough coat and has longer guard hairs than a smooth coat; may or may not have face furnishing.

Serious faults:

Soft, silky, woolly, or curly coat; lacking undercoat.

COLOR:

Predominately white (at least fifty percent) with black, brown, red, tricolor, or no markings; any white area may be ticked as long as white predominates. ***Serious Faults:* brindle or any color, pattern, or markings other than listed above; less than fifty percent white. *Disqualifications:* Albinism.**

HEAD:

Proportionate to size of body; skull is flat, with moderate width at ears, tapering slightly toward muzzle; muscular but not overdeveloped cheeks.

Muzzle: Medium and tapering to a point; slightly shorter than the skull when viewed from the side; joined by a definite stop; the planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel; moderately chiseled look under the eyes; lips tight with dark pigment..

Eyes: Dark in color, almond shaped, and deep set. ***Fault:* Light eyes. *Disqualification:* blue eye.**

Ears: Small, V-shaped button ears of moderate thickness; dropped; set at outside edge of the skull; tips carried close to the head. ***Faults:* Any ear carriage other than button. *Disqualification:* Erect ear.**

Nose: Black only and fully pigmented. ***Disqualifications:* Brown or liver nose; absence of pigment.**

Bite: Scissors bite is preferred, but level is acceptable. ***Disqualifications:* Overshot or undershot.**

NECK:

Muscular, and of good length gradually widening so as to blend well into the shoulders; moderately arched.

Topline: Strong, straight and level; loin slightly arched.

Chest: Moderate depth and narrow; ribs fairly well sprung; oval rather than round, not extending past the level of the elbow.

BODY:

Compact, strong, and well; approximately square in overall length to height proportion

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are strong, straight, with strong bone; long and sloping shoulders; shoulder blade and upper arm are approximately the same length; elbows hang perpendicular to body; joints turn neither in nor out; pasterns firm and nearly straight.

Hind legs are strong and muscular, smoothly molded with good angulation and bend of stifle; hocks near the ground, parallel. **Faults: Bowed front legs; down in pasterns; out at elbow; knuckling over or any other misalignment of joints; cow hocks, straight stifles.**

Feet: Round, cat like; very compact with thick and tough pads; toes moderately arched and pointing forward, turned neither in nor out. **Faults: Toes turned out; thin feet; splayed feet. Disqualifications: Hare feet; feet with rudimentary toes other than normal dewclaws, also known as "high toes."**

Tail: Docked so tip is approximately level to the skull, providing a good handhold; set high, strong, carried gaily but not over the back or curled; may be straight or slightly curved forward

MOVEMENT:

Quick, yet well balanced movements; free, effortless, lively, well coordinated, with straight action in front and behind; efficient movement is essential.

TEMPERAMENT:

Notoriously fearless, loyal, active, and willing to please.

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:

Excessive aggression toward other dogs or humans.

Excessive shyness.

Prick ears.

Liver nose or absence of pigment in nose.

Overshot, undershot, or wry mouth.

Albinism.