

## **NORWICH TERRIER**

GROUP: Terrier

### SIZE:

Ideally should not exceed 10 inches at withers. Ideal weight is 12 pounds, in proportion to structure and balance, but fit working condition is of primary importance.

### COAT:

Hard, wiry and straight outer coat lying close to body with a definite undercoat; neck and shoulders coat forms a protective mane; short and smooth hair on head, ears and muzzle, except for slight eyebrows and whiskers; shown in as natural a coat as possible; some tidying may be necessary to keep the coat neat, but shaping should be heavily penalized.

### COLOR:

All shades of red, wheaten, black and tan or grizzle. ***Serious faults: White markings.***

### HEAD:

Slightly foxy expression.

Skull: Broad and slightly rounded; good width between ears.

Muzzle: Strong, wedge shaped; length about one-third less than measurement from occiput to the well-defined stop; clean and strong jaw

Eyes: Small, dark, and oval shaped with black rims; placed well apart; bright, keen expression.

Ears: Erect, medium size, set well apart; pointed tips; upright when alert.

Nose: Black.

Bite: Full complement of strong, white, large teeth; scissor bite.

### NECK:

Strong, of medium length, blending into well-laid back shoulders.

### BODY:

Moderately short; compact and deep; well-sprung ribs; distance from top of withers to ground, and from withers to base of tail approximately level.

Topline: Level.

Chest: Good width and moderately deep.

Loins: Short.

### FOREQUARTERS:

Well laid-back shoulders; elbows close to ribs; short and powerful legs, as straight as is consistent with the digging terrier; firm pasterns.

### HINDQUARTERS:

Broad, strong and muscular with well-turned stifles; low-set hocks, straight when viewed from rear.

Feet: Round with thick pads; black nails; feet point forward when standing or moving; dewclaws removed.

Tail: Medium docked to provide sufficient length to be grasped; base is level with topline; carried erect.

MOVEMENT:

True, low, and driving; topline remains erect; legs move parallel showing great power of propulsion; good rear angulation; forelegs move freely with feet and elbows the same distance apart, converging slightly with increased speed; hind legs follow track of forelegs, flexing well at the stifle and hock.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, fearless, loyal, and affectionate, never aggressive; spirited and stocky.

**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.**

**Height greatly over standard.**

**Weight excessive for size.**

**Overshot bite or undershot bite.**

**Albinism**