

## **TOY FOX TERRIER**

GROUP: Toy

### **SIZE:**

7 to 10 inches, measured from highest point of withers. Desired weight:  
3-7 lbs.

### **COAT:**

Short, smooth, glossy, and thick; covering the body uniformly, but slightly longer at the back of neck and shoulder; underline, inside of front legs, and lower part of back legs are covered with at least a thin coat of hair; skin firm but pliable. **Faults: Long or wiry coat; too coarse; dry and dull; too thin; loose or non-pliable skin.**

### **COLOR:**

White is dominant color with black or tan markings, but white should not be the dominant head color. There are three acceptable colors and color patterns.

*White and black with tan trim:* black dominates the head and ears; tan trim on cheeks and/or chops as eye dots; face may or may not have white blaze; tiny white spots on lower muzzle are permitted; ticking permitted if white predominates; black markings should be free of any tan or brown shadings, but very small tan or brown spots not faulted.

*White and black:* Everything same as above except without any tan trim.

*White and tan:* Tan dominates the head; tan ears; light or dark tan trim on cheeks and/or chops and eye dots; face may or may not have white blaze; tiny white spots on lower muzzle are permitted; tan markings should be free of any black or brown shadings, but very small black or brown spots not faulted. **Faults: Wide blaze extending up to eyes; black or tan coloring, except for ticking, on legs below foreleg wrist joints or hind leg hock joints; too red, chocolate or brindle markings in a white and tan.**

**Any deviation from stated colors and markings should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.**

### **HEAD:**

Wedge-shaped, flat, and narrow; proportioned to rest of body; medium stop, sloping somewhat.

Muzzle: Medium and tapering to a point from base of ears to tip of nose; in proportion to overall size and length of head; flat and muscular cheeks with area below eyes filled in. **Faults: Domed skull (apple head); flat skull; deep, sharp stop; shallow stop; Roman nose; skull too wide; narrow or wide muzzle; cheeks too bulgy or too flat.**

Eyes: Small and dark in color, the darker the better; round, clear, and bright, prominent but not bulging; wide apart. **Faults: light color; too large or too small; bulging; dull; set too wide apart or too close; lack of alertness.**

Ears: V-shaped, small, and drop forward close to cheek; set well up on sides of the head; close together but never touching; always erect when alert and in motion; size in proportion to size of head and overall size of dog. **Faults: Rounded ears; flop ears; too large or too small; low set or set too wide or close enough to touch.**

Nose: Black only. **Faults: brown or brownish tinge nose; any other colored specks on nose.**

Bite: Scissor bite preferred but level acceptable. **Faults: Overshot over 1/16 inch or undershot.**

NECK:

Muscular and medium length, approximately the same length as the head; in proportion to size of body and overall size of dog; blends smoothly into shoulder; slightly arched. **Faults: Too short, too long, too thick; loose, excess skin; ewe neck.**

BODY:

Back is short, firm and straight, with loins strong and slightly arched; viewed from the side, appears square with height approximately equal to length. **Faults: Taller at hips than at withers; taller at withers than at hips; short-bodied or long bodied;**

Topline: Level, straight, and firm. **Faults: Sway back, roach back; sloping croup.**

Chest: Deep and oval-shaped, with ribs rounded. **Faults: barrel-chested or narrow chest; brisket too shallow or too deep; pointed brisket when view from front.**

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are perfectly straight from elbows to feet, pointing forward; elbows close and perpendicular to body; strong and straight, yet flexible pasterns; bone size in proportion to body size; dewclaws should be removed. **Faults: straight, heavy, or steep shoulders; elbows out or in; down in pasterns; bowed front.**

Hind legs are muscular, of good length, and with hocks well bent and parallel; bone size in proportion to size of dog; dewclaws removed. **Faults: lacking angulation or over-angulated; hip bones above back level; lack of muscle; too much muscle; tights too short or too long; bow-hocked; cowhocked; stifles turned in or out, straight or over-angulated; legs too close or too far apart.**

Feet: Oval and compact; arched toes; hard, tough, and well-cushioned pads. **Faults: Splayed, round, or flat feet; turned in or out.**

Tail: Set high on level with back; carried above horizontal line of back, but may be dropped when dog is at ease; docked to approximately 2/5<sup>th</sup> of natural tail length with minimum of one inch or maximum of three inches for adult size dogs. **Faults: Too short or too long. Disqualifications: Curled tail; tail carried straight over the back or set too low.**

MOVEMENT:

Well balanced, smooth and flowing with legs moving straight and parallel in a line; back straight and head and tail up; in gaiting, the stifles, hocks, and feet should turn neither in nor out, and hind legs should move in line with front legs. **Faults: Hackney gait; lack of balance and coordination.**

TEMPERAMENT:

Energetic, fearless, loyal, determined, and willing to please, yet protective of master or owner.

**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:***

**Extreme viciousness or shyness.**

**Undershot bite. Overshot bite of more than 1/8 inch; wry mouth.**

**Any color except black on nose; Dudley nose.**

**No tail; crooked, bent, or screw tail**

**Ears not erect on any dog over six months of age.**