

WELSH TERRIER

GROUP: Terrier

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Sturdy, compact and square, of height equal to approximately to length.

SIZE:

Males about 15 inches at withers with 15 to 15 ½ inches acceptable; Females proportionally smaller. Average weight of 20 pounds, varying a few pounds depending on height of dog and density of bone; both males and females should appear solid and of good substance.

COAT:

Hard, wiry, and dense with close-fitting jacket; short, soft undercoat; dense and wiry furnishing on muzzle, legs, and quarters.

COLOR:

Black jacket spreading up onto neck, down onto tail and into upper thighs; clear tan (deep reddish brown and slightly lighter shades acceptable) on legs, quarters, and head; black muzzle acceptable. **Disqualifications: Black below hocks; considerable white.**

HEAD:

Rectangular in shape; in profile, foreface and backskull are on parallel planes; strong foreface is well balanced, having powerful, punishing jaws; backskull equal in length to foreface, and foreface only slightly narrower than backskull; backskull is smooth and flat between ears, not domed; no wrinkles between ears; slight stop; flat, clean cheeks, never bulging

Muzzle: One-half length of entire head, measured from tip of nose to occiput; strong, squared-off muzzle, never snipey; black and tight lips.

Eyes: Dark brown, small, almond-shaped; set well into skull, placed fairly wide apart; size, shape, color, and position of eyes give a steady, confident, but alert, expression typical of this breed.

Ears: Small, V-shaped, not too thin, with fold just above the topline of skull and carried forward close to the cheek; ear tips fall to, or toward, the outside corner of the eyes when dog is at rest, but they move slightly up and forward when dog is at attention. **Disqualifications: Prick ears; tulip ears; rose ears.**

Nose: **Black; squared-off in shape.** **Disqualifications:** White or Dudley nose.

Bite: Strong, white teeth; scissors bite preferred, but level bite acceptable; teeth set in strong, viselike jaws. **Disqualification: Undershot bite.**

NECK:

Moderate length and thickness, slightly arched; sloping gracefully into shoulders; clean throat with no excess of skin.

BODY:

Body has good substance; well-ribbed; strong, moderately short loin; good depth to brisket with a level topline and a chest of moderate width.

FOREQUARTERS:

Well laid-back, long, sloping shoulders; straight front; straight and muscular forelegs; powerful pasterns; **dewclaws must be removed.**

HINDQUARTERS:

Pasterns moderately straight, short, and parallel from hock joint to ground; dewclaws must be removed.

Feet: Front and back alike; small, round, at catlike; thick, black pads; strong, black nails; **all dewclaws must be removed.**

Tail: Docked to length approximately level (on an imaginary line) with the occiput, to complete the square image of whole dog; root of tail set well up on back, carried upright.

MOVEMENT:

Straight, free and effortless gait accompanied by good reach in front and strong drive behind; dog single tracks as speed increases; trot is typical of long-legged terriers.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, aware, spirited—as a game dog should be—but is friendly and shows self-control; the attitude exhibits intelligence and desire to please. *Disqualifications*: **Overly aggressive or shy.**

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.

Undershot bite.

White or Dudley nose.

Prick ears.

Tulip ears.

Rose ears.

Black below hocks.

White to a considerable extent.

Albinism

Note: Males must have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.