

YORKSHIRE TERRIER

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

Desirable height is 7-9 in measured at withers; Up to 7 pounds is ideal, but dog should be in overall balance and proportion if it weighs less or more than the ideal

COAT:

Straight, long, glossy, silky, and fine in texture; fall on the head is long, tied with one bow in center of head or parted in the middle and tied with two bows; muzzle hair is long; hair on tips of ears should be trimmed; hair on feet may be trimmed for neat appearance.

COLOR:

Most puppies are born black and tan and change color with maturity. Traditional adults are steel blue or black with golden or tan areas on head, chest, and limbs; some lighter variations of color acceptable. Chocolate and Parti-Color or Biewer Markings are acceptable as long as all other points of conformation are correct.

HEAD:

Small and rather flat on top; skull not too prominent or round.

Muzzle: Not too long.

Bite: Scissors or level with sound teeth. ***Serious faults: Overshot or undershot.***

Eyes: Dark in color and medium in size; not too prominent; sparkling with a sharp, intelligent expression; dark eye rims.

Ears: Carried erect, small and V-shaped, set not too far apart.

Nose: Black.

NECK:

Good reach of neck.

BODY:

Compact, well proportioned; rather short back height at shoulder is the same as at rump.

Topline: Level.

Chest: Deep.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight with elbows neither in nor out.

Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind, but stifles are moderately bent when viewed from sides.

Feet: Round with black toenails; dewclaws should be removed from back feet; dew claws on front feet optional.

Tail: Docked to medium length and carried higher than the level of the back. Yorkshire Terriers may acceptably have a long tail that has not been docked

MOVEMENT:

Quick, well balanced movements.

TEMPERAMENT:

Fearless, spirited, and loyal.

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.

Coat too short.

Coat too rough.

Wavy or curly coat.

Drooping or low set tail.