

**GERMAN JAGDTERRIER** (Also known as: German Hunt Terrier, Deutscher Jagdterrier, and Jagdterrier)  
GROUP: Terrier

**SIZE:**

Minimum of 13 inches, maximum of 16 inches, measured at withers.  
Ideal weight for males is under 16 to 22 pounds for males; females, 17 to 19 pounds.

**COAT:**

Both smooth and harsh coats, or any texture in between; must be abundant and thick enough to turn briars, dampness, and cold. **Serious faults:** Fine, silky-soft or short coat unsuitable for the rigors of working; wooly hair; open coat; lack of belly hair.

**COLOR:**

Black, black and gray, or dark brown as main body color; with brown, red, yellow, or lighter colored markings found on eyebrows, chest, legs, and anus; both light and dark colored masks acceptable; small amount of white on chest and toes acceptable.

**HEAD**

Typical terrier head.

Muzzle: Length of muzzle, measured from top to tip of nose, is shorter than the distance from the occiput to stop; powerful muzzle has pronounced cheeks; strong lower jaw has well-chiseled chin.

Eyes: Small, dark, deep-set with a determined expression; close-fitting eyelids.

Ears: V-shaped and not too small; set on high, carried against side of head; must be sufficient thickness to withstand work in briars and thickets. **Serious faults:** Erect, tulip, or rose ears; thin, easily torn ears.

Nose: Black, unless dog's main color is brown, when brown nose is acceptable. **Serious faults:** Light colored nose; spotted nose.

Bite: Full complement of evenly spaced, white teeth; scissor bite. **Serious faults:** Undershot or overshot; missing premolars.

**NECK**

Strong, rather arched, and not excessively long, broadening at the point of connection to the shoulders.

**BODY**

Strongly muscled loins and croup

Topline: Strong, straight back, but not short. **Serious fault:** Short back.

Chest: Deep and narrow with room for lungs and heart, must have depth and well-arched ribs. **Serious fault:** Wide chest which encumbers passage through narrow, winding den tunnels.

**FOREQUARTERS**

Long, sloping shoulders; straight, well-muscled forelegs; strong, rather than fine bone; slightly slanted and flexible pasterns; dew claws removed. **Serious fault:** Steep shoulders.

**HINDQUARTERS**

Well-angulated, muscular hindquarters; strong bone; long thighs; hocks well let down; dew claws must be removed. **Serious fault:** Lack of angulation.

Feet: Oval, well-knit; frequently larger and wider front feet; dew claws removed. **Disqualification:** Cat feet.

Tail: Usually docked, leaving approximately 5/8 of original length (better too long than too short); normally carried gaily in manner of a foxhound, but can be in any posture while dog is working. Tail serves as a “handle” for hunters to pull the dog from dens.

**MOVEMENT**

More gallop than trot; should have galloping power and the tendency to a smooth gallop at speed when free.

**TEMPERAMENT**

Intelligent, clever, fearless, and robust, with gameness and pluck.

**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.**

**Seriously overshot bite or undershot bite.**

**Poor hunting desire or ability.**

**Albinism**

**NOTE:** The Jagdterrier is a true hunter, loves to hunt, and should not be obtained solely as a pet; he should have a hunting outlet for his energies and abilities and to keep his natural way.