

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 2/5th 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.