



GROUP IV: TERRIERS

WELSH TERRIER

RECOGNIZED: 1953

Effective: January 2004

The breed standard outlines the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed, and ensures that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.

SIZE

Height at the withers: Dogs, 38 cm (15 in); bitches proportionately less

Weight: 9 kg (20 lb) shall be considered a fair average weight in working condition, but this may vary 0.5 kg (1 lb) or so either way.

COAT

The coat should be wiry, hard, very close and abundant.

COLOUR

The colour should be black and tan, or black grizzle and tan, free from black pencilling on toes.

HEAD

The **skull** should be flat, and rather wider between the ears than the Wire Fox Terrier. Stop not too defined, fair length from stop to end of nose, the latter being of a black colour. The **jaw** should be powerful, clean-cut, rather deep, and more punishing – giving the head a more masculine appearance than that usually seen on a Fox Terrier. The **eyes** should be small, not being too deeply set in or protruding out of skull, of a dark hazel colour, expressive and indicating abundant pluck. The **ears** should be V-shaped, small, not too thin, set on fairly high, carried forward and close to the cheek.

NECK

The neck should be of moderate length and thickness, slightly arched and sloping gracefully into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

The **shoulders** should be long, sloping, and well set back. The **legs** should be straight and muscular, possessing fair amount of bone, with upright and powerful pasterns. The **feet** should be small, round, and cat-like.

BODY

The back should be short, and well ribbed up, good depth, moderate width of chest, and the loin strong.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters should be strong, thighs muscular and of good length, with the hocks moderately straight, well let down, and fair amount of bone.

TAIL

The stern should be set on moderately high, but not too gaily carried.

FAULTS

Any departure from the aforementioned ideals shall be considered faulty to the degree in which it interferes with the health and well-being of the dog and the breed’s traditional purpose.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Nose white, cherry or spotted to a considerable extent with either of these colours
- Ears prick, tulip or rose
- Undershot jaw or pig-jawed mouth
- Black below hocks or white to a considerable extent

SCALE OF POINTS

Head and jaws	10
Ears.....	5
Eyes.....	5
Neck and shoulders.....	10
Body.....	10
Loins and hindquarters	10
Legs and feet.....	10
Coat.....	15
Colour.....	5
Stern.....	5
General appearance.....	15
TOTAL	100