

## **Norfolk Terrier**

### **General Appearance**

The Norfolk Terrier is one of the smallest of the Terriers, but a “demon” for its size. Of a lovable disposition, not quarrelsome, with a hardy constitution. A small, low, keen dog, compact and strong with short back, good substance and bone. Honourable scars from fair wear and tear should not be penalized unduly.

### **Temperament**

Alert and fearless.

### **Size**

Ideal height 10 inches (25 cm) at withers.

### **Coat and Colour**

Coat hard, wiry and straight, lying close to the body. It is longer and rougher on the neck and shoulders. Hair on head and ears short and smooth, except for slight whiskers and eyebrows. Colour all shades of red, red wheaten, black and tan, or grizzle. White marks or patches are undesirable but shall not disqualify.

### **Head**

**Skull** wide and slightly rounded with good width between the ears. Stop should be well defined. **Muzzle** wedge-shaped and strong; length of muzzle slightly less than half the length of the skull. **Mouth** tight lipped, jaw strong; teeth strong and rather large; scissors bite. **Eyes** oval shaped and deep set, in colour dark brown or black. Expression alert, keen and intelligent. **Ears** medium sized, V-shaped but slightly rounded at tip, dropping forward close to the cheek.

### **Neck**

Medium length and strong.

### **Forequarters**

Clean powerful shoulders with short, powerful and straight legs.

### **Body**

Compact with short back, level topline, well-sprung ribs.

**Hindquarters**

Well muscled, good turn of stifle, hocks well let down and straight when viewed from rear; with great powers of propulsion. Feet round with thick pads.

**Tail**

Medium docked, not excessively gay.

**Faults**

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness of the fault should be in exact proportion to its degree.

**Note**

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.