



GROUP IV: TERRIERS

SCOTTISH TERRIER

RECOGNIZED: 1889

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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.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The face should wear a keen, sharp and active expression. Both head and tail should be carried well up. The dog should look very compact, well muscled and powerful, giving the impression of immense power in a small size.

SIZE

Equal consideration must be given to height, length of back and weight. Height at shoulder for either sex should be about 25.5 cm (10 in). Generally, a well-balanced Scottish Terrier dog of correct size should weigh from 8.5 to 10 kg (19 to 22 lb), and a bitch, from 8.25 to 9.5 kg (18 to 21 lb). The principal objective must be symmetry and balance.

COAT

Coat rather short, about 5 cm (2 in), dense undercoat with outercoat intensely hard and wiry.

COLOUR

Steel or iron grey, brindled or grizzled, black, sandy or wheaten. White markings are objectionable and can be allowed only on the chest and that to a slight extent only.

HEAD

Skull: Long, of medium width, slightly domed and covered with short, hard hair. It should not be quite flat, as there should be a slight stop or drop between the eyes. **Muzzle** in proportion to the length of skull, with not too much taper towards the nose. **Nose** should be black and of good size. The jaws should be level and square. The nose projects somewhat over the mouth, giving the impression that the upper jaw is longer than the lower. The **teeth** should be evenly placed, having a scissors or level bite, with the former being preferable. **Eyes** set wide apart, small and of almond shape, not round. Colour to be dark brown or nearly black. To be bright, piercing and set well under the brow. **Ears:** Small, prick, set well up on the skull, rather pointed but not cut. The hair on them should be short and velvety.

NECK

Moderately short, thick and muscular, strongly set on sloping shoulders, but not so short as to appear clumsy.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders sloping. Both forelegs and hind legs should be short and very heavy in bone in proportion to the size of the dog. **Forelegs:** Straight or slightly bent with elbows close to the body. Scottish Terriers should not be out at the elbows.

BODY

Moderately short and well ribbed up, **chest** broad and very deep, well let down between the forelegs. **Loin** strong, flanks deep.

HINDQUARTERS

Very muscular. *Stifles* should be well bent and legs straight from hock to heel. *Thighs* very muscular. *Feet* round and thick with strong nails, forefeet larger than the hind feet.

TAIL

Never cut and about 17.75 cm (7 in) long, carried with a slight curve but not over the back.

GAIT

The gait of the Scottish Terrier is peculiarly its own and is very characteristic of the breed. It is not the square trot or walk that is desirable in the long-legged breeds. The forelegs do not move in exact parallel planes – rather in reaching out incline slightly inward. This is due to the shortness of leg and width of chest. The action of the rear legs should be square and true and at the trot both the hocks and stifles should be flexed with a vigorous motion.

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.

- Soft coat
- Round or very light eye
- Overshot or undershot jaw
- Obviously oversize or undersize
- Shyness, timidity, or failure to show with head and tail up
- No judge should put to Winners or Best of Breed any Scottish Terrier not showing real terrier character in ring.

SCALE OF POINTS

Skull	5
Muzzle	5
Eyes	5
Ears	10
Neck	5
Chest	5
Body	15
Legs and feet	10
Tail	2.5
Coat	15
Size	10
Colour	2.5
General Appearance	10
TOTAL	100