



Manchester Terrier (Toy)

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

Weight not exceeding 5.5 kg (12 lb). All dogs weighing more than 5.5 kg (12 lb) shall be disqualified. It is recommended that at all dog shows the open class shall be (and any or all other classes, except puppy class, may be) divided as:

- a) under 3.2 kg (7 lb); and
- b) 3.2-5.5 kg (7-12 lb)

Coat and Colour

Coat smooth, short, thick, dense, close, and glossy; not soft. Jet black and rich mahogany tan, which should not run or blend into each other but meet abruptly forming clear, well-defined lines of colour division.

A small tan spot over each eye; a very small tan spot on each cheek. The lips of the upper and lower jaws should be tanned, extending under the throat, ending in the shape of the letter V. The inside of the ears partly tanned. Tan spots, called rosettes, on each side of the chest above the front legs, more pronounced in puppies than in adults. There should be a black “thumb mark” patch on the front of each foreleg between the pastern and the knee. There should be a distinct black “pencil mark” line running lengthwise on the top of each toe on all four feet. The remainder of the forelegs to be tan to the knees. Tan on the hind legs should continue from the pencilling on the feet up the inside of the legs to a little below the stifle joint; the outside of the hind legs to be black. There should be tan under tail, and on the vent, but only of such size as to be covered by the tail. White in any part of the coat is a serious fault and shall disqualify whenever the white shall form a patch or stripe measuring as much as 1 cm (1/2 in) in its longest dimension.

Head

Long, narrow, tight skinned, almost flat, with a slight indentation up the forehead; slightly wedge-shaped, tapering to the nose, with no visible cheek muscles, and well filled up under the eyes; level in mouth, with tight-lipped jaws. Nose black. Eyes small, bright, sparkling and as near black as possible; set moderately close together; oblong in shape, slanting upwards on the outside; they should neither protrude nor sink in the skull. Ears of moderate size; set well up on skull and rather close together; thin, moderately narrow at base; with pointed tips; naturally erect carriage. Wide, flaring, blunt tipped or “bell” ears are a serious fault; cropped or cut ears shall disqualify.

Neck

The neck should be of moderate length, slim and graceful; gradually becoming large as it approaches, and blend smoothly with the sloping shoulders; free from throatiness; slightly arched from the occiput.

Forequarters

Shoulders sloping. Forelegs straight, and well under body. Feet compact, well arched, with jet-black nails; and two middle toes in the front feet rather longer than the others.



Body

Back slightly arched at the loin, and falling again to the joining of the tail to the same height as the shoulder. Body moderately short with robust loins. Chest narrow between the legs; deep in the brisket. Ribs well sprung out behind the shoulders.

Hindquarters

Hind legs should not turn in or out as viewed from the rear, carried back; hocks well let down. The hind feet shaped like those of a cat.

Tail

Moderately short, and set on where the arch of the back ends. Thick where it joins the body, tapering to a point, not carried higher than the back.

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 purpose.

- White in any part of the coat is a serious fault.
- Wide, flaring, blunt tipped or "bell" ears are a serious fault.

Disqualifications

- Cropped or cut ears.
- White whenever it shall form a patch or stripe measuring as much as 1 cm (1/2 in) in its longest dimension.
- Weight, more than 5.5 kg (12 lb)

Scale of Points

Head (including eyes, nose, and ears)	30
Neck and shoulders.	10
Body (including chest, and tail)	15
Legs and feet	15
Coat	10
Colour	20
TOTAL	100

Breed Name: Toy Manchester Terrier

Year of Recognition: 1889

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