
Biewer Terrier

Origin & Purpose

The Biewer Terrier's history began in Germany with the birth of a blue, white, and gold puppy in 1984 at the Friedheck Kennel of Mr. and Mrs. Biewer. This toy breed's popularity saw an influx of these tri-coloured terriers brought to North America in 2003. Their name is pronounced "beaver" like the animal.

Their purpose is to love and be loved. Although playful and whimsical, they are obedient and loyal companions. The Biewer Terrier is a hearty, athletic, and confident breed. They excel in conformation, as well as companion and performance sports.

General Appearance

The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, longhaired, uniquely tri-coloured toy terrier with a breed signature ponytail. The coat parts down the middle, hanging straight and evenly on both sides of the body as though a comb has been used to part it. The back is level, with height at withers being equal to height at the croup. Although the outline of the dog gives the appearance of a square, the body length is slightly longer than the overall height. The tail is set high and carried well arched over the body, covered with a long luxurious plume.

Temperament

Intelligent, loyal, and very devoted to their human family. They have a fun loving, childlike attitude that makes them a great companion for all ages. They quickly make friends with both people and animals.

Size

Height at withers is the same as the height at the croup, measuring 18 to 28 cm (7 to 11 inches), with weight being 1.8 to 3.7 kg (4 to 8.2 lbs). Length of body from prosternum to ischium is longer than overall height at the withers, making the dog off square although square is acceptable. Fine to medium boned.

Coat

Long and flowing with a soft silky texture. Hair is straight without an undercoat, hanging close to the ground if not touching. Coat maybe trimmed to floor length for ease of movement. Head fall is tied up into a single ponytail on top of the head, hanging loose. Puppy ponytails may

be placed a little lower on the forehead as to gather the short hairs. A bow is used for adornment. No topknots or rollovers. Feet are trimmed for a neat, clean appearance. Trim around anus.

Colour

The Biewer Terrier is a uniquely tri-coloured toy terrier. Head colouring is blue/black, gold/tan, and white in good symmetry. Any combination of the following two head colours: blue/black & gold/tan or gold/tan & white in good symmetry is acceptable. Hair on back is blue/black and white; amounts of each colour are of personal preference with no dominating patterns. Chest, stomach, and tip of the tail are white. The white from the chest should come up the neck to cover the chin. The beard may stay white or darken as the dog matures. No amount of tan hair may be found on the back, belly, or chest. A small amount of gold/tan hair may be found around the anus. Coat on legs above the elbows and stifles are blue/black and/or white. A small amount of gold/tan hair on the upper legs is acceptable, but not desirable. Legs are to be white from the elbows and stifles to the feet.

Head

Expression is more human than that of a dog, being bright and intelligent. Eyes are medium sized and may be round or almond shaped with a crisp, clear countenance. Iris is as dark as possible. Ears are small, upright, V shaped, moderately wide set, and covered with hair except the tips being shaved. They are set to the back of the skull and the base is level with the eyes. Skull is slightly rounded. Moderate stop. Muzzle is one-third the length of the head. Eye rims, nose, and lips are completely black. Level or scissor bite. Teeth are straight and even.

Neck

Moderate in length, free from throatiness.

Forequarters

Forelegs should be straight, elbows neither in nor out. Angulation is moderate. Shoulders are nicely laid back to allow for good reach and freedom of movement. Elbows are set close to the body. Legs are straight when viewed from the front, muscular and covered with hair. Pasterns should be upright and straight. Dewclaws may or may not be present. Feet are round with well-arched toes that are covered with hair, which may be trimmed to allow unimpeded movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot. Pads are black and/or flesh. Nails are black or white.

Body

Length is slightly longer than the overall height, although square is acceptable. Chest comes to the elbows with a good width. Ribs are moderately sprung. Underline is slightly tucked up. Level backline. Loin is well developed and strong.

Hindquarters

Angulation moderate, in balance with the forequarters. Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind, muscular and covered with hair. Stifle is slightly bent when viewed from the side. Hocks are straight when viewed from behind, pointing neither in nor out. Dewclaws may or may not be present. Feet are round with well-arched toes that are covered with hair, which may be trimmed to allow unimpeded movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot. Pads are black and/or flesh. Nails are black or white.

Tail

Set high and carried well-arched over the body in a graceful sickle curve. Covered with a long luxurious plume that lies to either side of the body. Length of tailbone must go to the stifles or beyond. When at rest, the tail may be relaxed. A kink in the tail that does not affect tail carriage is not to be faulted.

Gait

The Biewer Terrier moves with confidence and pride. Movement should be graceful, smooth, and straightforward without being stilted or hackneyed. When viewed from the side, the back line remains level and gives an impression of rapid movement, size considered. Hind legs should track in line with the front legs, going neither inside nor outside. Tail must be up when in motion.

Faults

Any distinct deviation from the desired characteristics described in the breed standard with particular attention to the following:

- Over 3.7 kg (8.2lbs); under 1.8 kg (4lbs) as an adult;
- Over or undershot bite;
- Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose, and lips;
- Roach or rounded back; high in front or rear; hackneyed gait in

adults;

- Incorrect placement of ponytail;
- Small amount of tan on the upper legs.

Disqualifications

- Head falls that display topknots or roll overs common to other breeds;
- Ears not erect or held erect by tying the hair into the ponytail;
- Blue eye(s);
- Brown or liver pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, lips, and pads;
- Head colouring that is blue/black & white;
- Head that is one colour;
- Body that is all blue/black or all white;
- Any other colour or combination of colours other than those that are listed;
- Any adulteration in the colour of the coat by artificial means.