

KUSA



Official Breed Standard

Tibetan Terrier (Utility Group)



A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Sturdy, medium sized, long haired, generally square outline; balanced without exaggeration.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Lively, good natured. Loyal companion dog with many engaging ways.

TEMPERAMENT:

Outgoing, alert, intelligent and game; neither fierce nor pugnacious. Sparing of affection to strangers.

HEAD & SKULL:

Skull of medium length, neither broad nor coarse, narrowing slightly from ear to eye, neither domed or absolutely flat between ears. Zygomatic arch curved, but not overdeveloped so as to bulge. Marked stop but not exaggerated. Muzzle strong; well developed lower jaw. Length from eye to tip of nose equal length from eye to occiput. Nose black. Head well furnished with long hair, falling forward not affecting the dog's ability to see. Lower jaw carrying small but not exaggerated amount of beard. In all giving a resolute expression.

EYES:

Large, round, dark brown, neither prominent nor sunken; set fairly wide apart. Eye rims black.

EARS:

Pendant, carried not too close to the head. V shaped, not too large, set fairly high on the side of the skull, heavily feathered.

MOUTH:

Scissor or reverse scissor bite. Incisors set in a slight curve, evenly spaced and set perpendicular to jaw. Full dentition desirable.

NECK:

Strong, muscular, medium length, allowing head to be carried above level of back and giving overall balanced appearance. Flowing into well placed shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS:

Heavily furnished. Shoulders well laid with good length and slope of upper arm. Legs straight and parallel; pasterns slightly sloping.

BODY:

Well muscled, compact and powerful. Length from point of shoulder to root of tail equal to height at withers. Fair spring of rib with depth of brisket to elbow. Ribbed well back. Top line level, loin short and slightly arched; croup level.

HINDQUARTERS:

Heavily furnished, well muscled. Well bent stifles and low set hocks, giving level topline and drive.

FEET:

Large, round, heavily furnished with hair between toes and pads. Standing well down on pads; no arch in feet.

TAIL:

Medium length, set on fairly high and carried in a gay curl over back. Very well feathered. Kink near tip often occurring and permissible.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Smooth, effortless stride with good reach and powerful drive. When walking or trotting hindlegs should track neither inside nor outside front legs.

COAT:

Double coat. Undercoat fine and woolly. Top coat profuse; fine but neither silky nor woolly; long; either straight or wavy but not curly.

COLOUR:

White, golden, cream, grey or smoke, black, parti coloured and tricolours; in fact any colour except chocolate, liver or merle permissible.

SIZE:

Height at shoulder: Dogs: 36 41 cm (14 16 in) bitches: slightly smaller

FAULTS:

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effects on health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

NOTE:

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



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