

KUSA



Official Breed Standard

Norfolk Terrier (Terrier 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:

Small, low, keen dog, compact and strong, short back, good substance and bone. Honourable scars from fair wear and tear permissible.

CHARACTERISTICS:

One of the smallest of terriers, a 'demon' for its size. Loveable disposition, not quarrelsome, hardy constitution.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert and fearless.

HEAD & SKULL:

Skull broad, only slightly rounded with good width between ears. Muzzle wedge-shaped and strong; length of muzzle about one third less than measurement from occiput to bottom of well-defined stop.

EYES:

Oval-shaped, dark brown or black. Expression alert, keen and intelligent.

EARS:

Medium size, V shaped, slightly rounded at tip, dropping forward close to cheek.

MOUTH:

Tight lipped, strong jaw, teeth strong and rather large; perfect scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK:

Strong and of medium length.

FOREQUARTERS:

Clean, well-laid back shoulder blade, approximating in length to upper arm. Front legs short, powerful and straight.

BODY:

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

HINDQUARTERS:

Well-muscled, good turn of stifle, hocks well let down and straight when viewed from rear; great propulsion.

FEET:

Round with thick pads.

TAIL:

Docking of tail previously optional

(a) Medium docked, set level with topline and carried erect.

(b) Tail of moderate length to give a general balance to the dog, thick at the root and tapering towards the tip, as straight as possible, carried jauntily, but not excessively gay.

GAIT / MOVEMENT:

True, low and driving. Moving straight forward from shoulder. Good rear angulation showing great powers of propulsion. Hindlegs follow track of forelegs, moving smoothly from hips. Flexing well at stifle and hock. Topline remaining level.

COAT:

Hard, wiry, straight, lying close to body. Longer and rougher on neck and shoulders. Hair on head and ears short and smooth, except for slight whiskers and eyebrows. Excessive trimming undesirable.

COLOUR:

All shades of red, wheaten, black and tan or grizzle, White marks or patches undesirable but permissible.

SIZE:

Ideal height at withers 25 cm (10 in).

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 effect 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 full descended into the scrotum.



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