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**CAIRN TERRIER**

**ORIGIN** : Great Britain.

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**UTILIZATION** : Terrier.

**CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.** : Group 3           Terriers.  
Section 2           Small-sized Terriers.  
Without working trial.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE** : Agile, alert, of workmanlike, natural appearance. Standing well forward on forepaws. Strong quarters. Deep in rib, very free in movement. Weather-resistant coat.

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT** : Should impress as being active, game and hardy. Fearless and gay disposition ; assertive but not aggressive.

**HEAD** : Small, but in proportion to body. Well furnished.

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Broad ; a decided indentation between the eyes.

**Stop** : Definite.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : Black.

**Muzzle** : Powerful.

**Jaws/Teeth** : Teeth large. Jaw strong, but not long or heavy with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. Upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

**Eyes** : Wide apart, medium in size, dark hazel. Slightly sunk with shaggy eyebrows.

**Ears** : Small, pointed, well carried and erect, not too closely set nor heavily coated.

**NECK** : Well set on, not short.

**BODY** :

Back : Level, medium length.

Loin : Strong, supple

Chest : Well sprung deep ribs.

**TAIL** : Short, balanced, well furnished with hair but not feathery. Neither high nor low set, carried gaily but not turned down towards back.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS** :Forelegs medium length, good but not too heavy bone. Covered with harsh hair.

Shoulders : Sloping.

Elbow : Never out at elbow.

**HINDQUARTERS** :

Thighs : Very strong and muscular.

Stifle : With good, but not excessive bend.

Hocks : Well let down, inclining neither in nor out when viewed from the rear.

**FEET** : Forefeet, larger than hind, may be slightly turned out. Pads thick and strong. Thin, narrow or spreading feet and long nails objectionable.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT** : Very free-flowing stride. Forelegs reaching well forward. Hindlegs giving strong propulsion. Hocks neither too close nor too wide.

**COAT** :

**HAIR** : Very important. Weather-resistant. Must be double-coated, with profuse, harsh, but not coarse, outer coat ; undercoat short, soft and close. Open coats objectionable. Slight wave permissible.

**COLOUR** : Cream, wheaten, red, grey or nearly black. Brindling in all these colours acceptable. Not solid black, or white, or black and tan. Dark points, such as ears and muzzle, very typical.

**SIZE AND WEIGHT** : Approximately 28-31 cm (11-12 ins) at withers, but in proportion to weight-ideally 6-7,5 kg (14-16 lbs).

**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 upon the health and welfare of the dog.**

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

**N.B.** : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.