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BORDER TERRIER

ORIGIN: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Terrier.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.: Group 3 Terriers.

Section 1 Large and medium-sized

terriers.

Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Essentially a working terrier. Capable of following a horse.

BEHAVIOUR / **TEMPERAMENT** : Combining activity with gameness.

<u>HEAD</u>: Head like that of an otter.

<u>CRANIAL REGION</u>:

Skull: Moderately broad.

FACIAL REGION:

<u>Nose</u>: Black nose preferable, but liver or flesh-coloured one not a serious fault.

<u>Muzzle</u>: Short, strong.

<u>Jaws/Teeth</u>: Scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Level bite acceptable. Undershot or overshot a major fault and highly undesirable.

Eyes: dark with keen expression.

<u>Ears</u>: Small, V-shaped, of moderate thickness, and dropping forward close to the cheek.

NECK: of moderate length.

BODY: deep, narrow, fairly long.

Loins: Strong.

<u>Chest</u>: Ribs carried well back, but not oversprung, as a terrier should be capable of being spanned by both hands behind the shoulder.

TAIL: Moderately short; fairly thick at base, then tapering. Set high, carried gaily, but not curled over back.

LIMBS

<u>FOREQUARTERS</u>: Forelegs straight, not too heavy in bone.

HINDQUARTERS: Racy.

FEET: Small with thick pads.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Has the soundness to follow a horse.

SKIN: Must be thick.

<u>COAT</u>

HAIR: Harsh and dense; with close undercoat.

<u>COLOUR</u>: Red, wheaten, grizzle and tan, or blue and tan.

WEIGHT: Dogs 5,9-7,1 kg (13-15 ½ lbs); bitches 5,1-6,4 (11 ½ lbs-14 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 on the terrier's ability to work and **on the health and welfare of the dog.**

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

 $\underline{\textbf{N.B.}}$: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.