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**SCOTTISH 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** : Thick-set, of suitable size to go to ground, short-legged, alert in carriage and suggestive of great power and activity in small compass. Head gives impression of being long for size of dog. Very agile and active in spite of short legs.

**BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT** : Loyal and faithful. Dignified, independent and reserved, but courageous and highly intelligent. Bold, but never aggressive.

**HEAD** : Long without being out of proportion to size of dog.

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Length of skull enabling it to be fairly wide and yet retain narrow appearance, nearly flat.

**Stop** : Slight but distinct between skull and foreface just in front of eye.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : Large and, in profile, line from nose towards chin appears to slope backwards.

**Muzzle** : Foreface strongly constructed and deep throughout. Skull and foreface of equal length.

**Jaws/Teeth** : Teeth large with perfect and regular scissor bite, i. e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

**Cheeks** : Cheek bones not protruding.

Eyes : Almond-shaped, dark brown, fairly wide apart, set deeply under eyebrows with keen, intelligent expression.

Ears : Neat, fine texture, pointed, erect and set on top of skull but not too close together. Large, wide-based ears highly undesirable.

**NECK** : Muscular and of moderate length.

**BODY** : Topline of body straight and level.

Back : Proportionately short and very muscular.

Loin : Muscular and deep.

Chest : Well rounded ribs flattening to deep chest and carried well back. Powerful coupling ribs to hindquarters.

**TAIL** : Moderate length giving general balance to dog, thick at root and tapering towards tip. Set on with upright carriage or slight bend.

## **LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS** : Head carried on muscular neck of moderate length showing quality, set into sloping shoulders. Chest fairly broad and hung between forelegs. Brisket well in front of straight, well boned forelegs.

Elbows : Must not be out nor placed under body.

Pastern : Straight.

**HINDQUARTERS** : Remarkably powerful for size of dog. Big, wide buttocks.

Thigh : Deep.

Stifle : Well bent.

Hocks : Short, strong, turning neither in nor out.

**FEET** : Good size, well padded, toes well arched and close-knit, forefeet slightly larger than hindfeet.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT** : Smooth and free, straight both back and front with drive from behind and level gait throughout.

## **COAT**

**HAIR** : Close-lying, double coat ; undercoat short, dense and soft ; outer coat harsh, dense and wiry, together making a weather-resisting covering.

**COLOUR** : Black, wheaten or brindle of any shade.

## **SIZE AND WEIGHT** :

Height at withers 25,4-28 cm ( 10-11 ins) ; weight 8,6-10,4 kg ( 19-23 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.