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WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

Jaws/Teeth : Jaws strong and level. As broad between canine teeth as is consistent with varminty expression required. Teeth large for size of dog, with regular scissor bite, i. e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Eyes : Set wide apart, medium in size, not full, as dark as possible. Slightly sunk in head, sharp and intelligent, which, looking from under heavy eyebrows, imparts a piercing look. Light coloured eyes highly undesirable.

Ears : Small, erect and carried firmly, terminating in sharp point, set neither too wide nor too close. Hair short and smooth (velvety), should not be cut. Free from any fringe at top. Round-pointed, broad, large or thick ears or too heavily coated with hair most undesirable.

NECK : Sufficiently long to allow proper set on of head required, muscular and gradually thickening towards base allowing neck to merge into nicely sloping shoulders.

BODY : Compact.

Back : Level.

Loins : Broad and strong.

Chest : Deep and ribs well arched in upper half presenting a flattish side appearance. Back ribs of considerable depth and distance from last rib of quarters as short as compatible with free movement of body.

TAIL : 12,5-15 cm (5 to 6 inches) long, covered with harsh hair, no feathering, as straight as possible, carried jauntily, not gay or carried over back. A long tail undesirable, and on no account should tails be docked.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs short and muscular, straight and thickly covered with short, hard hair.

Shoulders : Sloping backwards. Shoulder-blades broad and lying close to chest wall. Shoulder joint placed forward.

Elbows : Well in, allowing foreleg to move freely, parallel to axis of body.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong, muscular and wide across top. Legs short, muscular and sinewy.

Thighs : Very muscular and not too wide apart.

Hocks : Bent and well set in under body so as to be fairly close to each other when standing or moving. Straight or weak hocks most undesirable.

FEET : Forefeet larger than hind, round, proportionate in size, strong, thickly padded and covered with short harsh hair. Hindfeet are smaller and thickly padded. Under surface of pads and all nails preferably black.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Free, straight and easy all round. In front, legs freely extended forward from shoulder. Hind movement free, strong and close. Stifle and hocks well flexed and hocks drawn under body giving drive. Stiff, stilted movement behind and cowhocks highly undesirable.

COAT

HAIR : Double coated. Outer coat consists of harsh hair, about 5 cm (2 ins) long, free from any curl. Undercoat, which resembles fur, short, soft and close. Open coats most undesirable.

COLOUR : White.

SIZE :

Height at withers approximately 28 cm (11 ins).

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.