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## WELSH TERRIER

**ORIGIN** : Great Britain.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL VALID STANDARD** : 29.10.2003.

**UTILIZATION** : Terrier.

**CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.** : Group 3 Terriers.  
Section 1 Large- and medium sized  
Terriers.  
Without working trial.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE** : Smart, workmanlike, well-balanced and compact.

**BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT** : Affectionate, obedient and easily controlled. Happy and volatile, rarely of shy nature. Game and fearless but definitely not aggressive although at all times able to hold his own when necessary

### **HEAD**

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Flat, of moderate width between ears.

**Stop** : Not too defined.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : Black.

**Muzzle** : Medium length from stop to end of nose.

**Jaws/Teeth** : Jaws powerful, clean cut, rather deep and punishing ; strong with perfect, regular scissor bite, i. e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Eyes : Small, well set in, dark, expression indicative of temperament. A round, full eye undesirable.

Ears : V-shaped, small, leathers not too thin, set on fairly high, carried forward and close to cheek.

NECK : Moderate length and thickness, slightly arched and sloping gracefully into shoulders.

### **BODY** :

Back : Short.

Loin : Strong.

Chest : Good depth and moderate width. Well ribbed up.

TAIL : Customarily docked.

**Docked** : Well set on. Carried erect but not curved over the back.

**Undocked** : Well set on. Carried erect but not curved over the back. In overall balance with the rest of dog.

### **LIMBS**

FOREQUARTERS : legs straight and muscular, possessing ample bone.

Shoulders : Long, sloping and well set back.

Pasterns : Upright and powerful.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong.

Thighs : Muscular, of good length.

Hocks : Well bent, well let down and with ample bone.

FEET : Small, round and cat-like.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Fore-and hindlegs carried straight forward and parallel. Elbows move perpendicular to body, working free of sides, stifles turning neither in nor out.

### **COAT**

HAIR : Wiry, hard, very close and abundant. Single coat undesirable.

COLOUR : Black and tan for preference, or black grizzle and tan, free from black pencilling on toes. Black below hocks most undesirable.

SIZE : Height at shoulders not exceeding 39 cm (15 ½ ins.).

Weight : 9-9,5 kg (20-21 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.

**This amended breed standard will become effective from April 2004.**