



**Official Breed Standard
of the
Kennel Union of South Africa**



BORDER TERRIER

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Essentially a working terrier.

CHARACTERISTICS

Capable of following a horse, combining activity with gameness.

TEMPERAMENT

Active and game as previously stated.

HEAD & SKULL

Head like that of an otter, moderately broad in skull, with short strong muzzle. Black nose preferable, but liver or flesh coloured one not a serious fault.

EYES

Dark with a keen expression.

EARS

Small, v-shaped; of moderate thickness, and dropping forward close to the cheek

MOUTH

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.

NECK

Of moderate length.

FOREQUARTERS

Forelegs straight, not too heavy in bone.

BODY

Deep, narrow, fairly long. Ribs carried well back, but not oversprung, as a terrier should be capable of being spanned by both hands behind the shoulder. Loins strong.

HINDQUARTERS

Racy.

FEET

Small with thick pads.

TAIL

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

GAIT / MOVEMENT

Has the soundness to follow a horse.

COAT

Harsh and dense; with close undercoat. Skin must be thick.

COLOUR

Red, wheaten, grizzle and tan, or blue and tan.

SIZE

Weight :	Dogs:	6 - 7 kgs (13 - 15½lbs)
	Bitches:	5 - 6.5 kgs (11½ - 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 health & welfare of the dog

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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