



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



## **KERRY BLUE TERRIER**

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Upstanding, well knit and proportioned, well developed and muscular body.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Compact, powerful Terrier, showing gracefulness and an attitude of alert determination, with definite Terrier style and character throughout.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

Disciplined gameness.

### **HEAD & SKULL**

Well balanced, long, proportionally lean, with slight stop and flat over the skull. Foreface and jaw very strong, deep and punishing; nose black; nostrils of due proportion.

### **EYES**

Dark as possible. Small to medium with keen Terrier expression.

### **EARS**

Small to medium and V-shaped; carried forward but not too high.

### **MOUTH**

Gums and roof of mouth dark with perfect, regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

### **NECK**

Strong and reachy, running into sloping shoulders.

### **FOREQUARTERS**

Shoulders flat as possible with elbows carried close to body while standing or moving. Legs straight, bone powerful. Front straight, neither too wide nor too narrow.

### **BODY**

Short-coupled with good depth of brisket and well sprung ribs. Deep chest, topline level.

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Large and well developed, stifle bent and hocks close to ground giving perfect freedom of hind action.

### **FEET**

Round and small. Nails black.

### **TAIL**

Set on high and carried erect. Customarily docked.

### **GAIT / MOVEMENT**

Free and powerful. Fore and hindlegs moving straight and parallel, stifles turning neither in nor out.

### **COAT**

Soft and silky, plentiful and wavy.

### **COLOUR**

Any shade of blue with or without black points. Tan permissible in puppies, also a dark colour up to the age of 18 months. A small white patch on chest should not be penalised.

### **SIZE**

Ideal height:

Dogs: 46 - 48 cms (18 - 19 ins) at shoulder; bitches slightly less.

The most desirable weight for a fully developed dog is 15 - 17 kgs (33 - 37 lbs), and bitches should weigh proportionately less, but 16 kgs (35 lbs) is the most desirable weight to aim for.

### **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 full descended into the scrotum.

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