



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



NORFOLK TERRIER

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Small, low, keen dog, compact and strong, short back, good substance and bone. Honourable scars from fair wear and tear permissible.

CHARACTERISTICS

One of the smallest of terriers, a 'demon' for its size. Loveable disposition, not quarrelsome, hardy constitution.

TEMPERAMENT

Alert and fearless.

HEAD & SKULL

Skull broad, only slightly rounded with good width between ears. Muzzle wedge-shaped and strong; length of muzzle about one-third less than measurement from occiput to bottom of well defined stop.

EYES

Oval-shaped and deep-set, dark brown or black. Expression alert, keen and intelligent.

EARS

Medium size, V-shaped, slightly rounded at tip, dropping forward close to cheek.

MOUTH

Tight-lipped, strong jaw, teeth strong and rather large; perfect scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK

Strong and of medium length.

FOREQUARTERS

Clean, well laid back shoulder blade, approximating in length to upper arm. Front legs short, powerful and straight.

BODY

Compact, short back, level topline, well sprung ribs.

HINDQUARTERS

Well muscled, good turn of stifle, hocks well let down and straight when viewed from rear; great propulsion.

FEET

Round with thick pads.

TAIL

Docking of tail optional

- (a) Medium docked, set level with topline and carried erect.
- (b) Tail of moderate length to give a general balance to the dog, thick at the root and tapering towards the tip, as straight as possible, carried jauntily, but not excessively gay.

GAIT / MOVEMENT

True, low and driving. Moving straight forward from shoulder. Good rear angulation showing great powers of propulsion. Hindlegs follow track of forelegs, moving smoothly from hips. Flexing well at stifle and hock; topline remaining level.

COAT

Hard, wiry, straight, lying close to body. Longer and rougher on neck and shoulders. Hair on head and ears short and smooth, except for slight whiskers and eyebrows. Excessive trimming undesirable.

COLOUR

All shades of red, wheaten, black and tan or grizzle, White marks or patches undesirable but permissible.

SIZE

Ideal height at withers 25 cms (10 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 on health & welfare of the dog

NOTE

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

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