



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



## WELSH TERRIER

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Smart, workmanlike, well balanced and compact.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Affectionate, obedient and easily controlled.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

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 & SKULL**

Flat, of moderate width between ears. Jaws powerful, clean cut, rather deep and punishing. Stop not too defined, medium length from stop to end of nose. Nose black.

### **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.

### **MOUTH**

Jaws strong with perfect, regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

### **NECK**

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

### **FOREQUARTERS**

Shoulders long, sloping and well set back. Legs straight and muscular, possessing ample bone, with upright and powerful pasterns.

### **BODY**

Back short and well ribbed up, loin strong, good depth and moderate width of chest.

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Strong, thighs muscular, of good length, with hocks well bent, well let down and with ample bone.

### **FEET**

Small, round and cat-like.

### **TAIL**

Well set on but not carried too gaily. Customarily docked.

### **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**

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 shoulder not exceeding 39 cms (15½ins).

Weight: 9 - 9.5 kgs (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 on health & welfare of the dog

### **NOTE**

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

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