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FCI-Standard N° 10

BORDER TERRIER



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ORIGIN: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Terrier.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 3 Terriers.
Section 1 Large and medium-sized terriers.
Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Essentially a working terrier.
Capable of following a horse.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Combining activity with gameness.

HEAD: Head like that of an otter.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Moderately broad.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Black nose preferable, but liver or flesh-coloured one not a serious fault.

Muzzle: Short, strong.

Jaws/Teeth: 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.

EYES: dark with keen expression.

EARS: Small, V-shaped, of moderate thickness, and dropping forward close to the cheek.

NECK: of moderate length.

BODY: deep, narrow, fairly long.

Loins: Strong.

Chest: Ribs carried well back, but not oversprung, as a terrier should be capable of being spanned by both hands behind the shoulder.

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

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs straight, not too heavy in bone.

Forefeet: Small with thick pads.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Racy.

Hind feet: Small with thick pads.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Has the soundness to follow a horse.

SKIN: Must be thick.

COAT

Hair: Harsh and dense; with close undercoat.

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

WEIGHT: Dogs 5,9-7,1 kg (13-15 ½ lbs); bitches 5,1-6,4 (11 ½ lbs-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 terrier's ability to work and **on the health and welfare of the dog.**

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum (this expression is obligatory in every standard).
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

The latest amendments are in bold characters.

SURFACE ANATOMY

