



CKC Breed Standard
Cesky Terrier
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Origin: The Cesky Terrier is the result of an appropriate crossbreeding between a Sealyham Terrier dog and a Scotch Terrier bitch, with the aim to develop a light, short legged, well pigmented hunting Terrier, with practical drop ears, easy to groom and easy to train. In 1949 Dr. Frantisek Horak a noted geneticist from Czechoslovakia started to improve the breed by fixing their characteristics. In 1959 these dogs were shown for the first time, and the breed was finally recognized by the FCI in 1963.

General Appearance: Short legged, long haired, well made and well muscled Terrier with smallish drop ears, of a rectangular format.

Temperament: Balanced, non-aggressive, pleasant and cheerful companion, easy to train; somewhat reserved towards strangers; of calm and kind disposition.

Size: Height at withers between 25-32 cm. Ideal size for a dog is 29 cm and 27cm for a bitch. The weight must not be less than 6 kg and not more than 10 kg.

Coat & Colour: **Texture:** hair long, fine but firm, slightly wavy with a silky gloss; not too much overdone. The Cesky Terrier is groomed with scissors (clipping). At the forepart of the head the hair is not to be clipped thus forming brows and beard. On the lower parts of the legs, under the chest and belly the hair should not be clipped either. In show condition the hair at the upper side of the neck, on the shoulders and on the back should not be longer than 1-1.5cm; it should be shorter on the sides of the body and on the tail; and quite short on the ears, cheeks, at the lower side of the neck, on elbows, thighs and round the vent. The transition between clipped and unclipped areas should be pleasing to the eye and never abrupt. **Colour:** the Czech Terrier has two varieties of coat colour: greyblue (puppies are born black) and light-coffee-brown (puppies are born chocolate brown). In both colour varieties yellow, grey or white markings are permitted on the head (beard, cheeks), neck, chest, belly, the limbs and round the vent. White collar or tail tip is permissible. The basic colour must always be predominant. Skin firm, thick, without wrinkles or dewlap, pigmented.

Head: Shaped like a long, blunt, not too broad wedge, the plane of the forehead forming a distinctive breaking with the bridge of the nose. **Skull:** not too broad between the ears and tapering moderately towards the supraorbital ridges. Occipital protuberance easy to palpate; cheek bones moderately prominent. Frontal furrow only slightly marked. Length of the skull is 21 cm for males and 20 cm for females. Width of the skull is 10 cm for males and 9 cm for females. **Stop:** not accentuated but apparent. **Nose:** dark and well developed. It should be black on Terriers with a grey-blue coat; and liver-coloured on light-coffee brown Terriers. Nasal bridge straight. **Jaws/Teeth:** Strong jaws. Scissors or level bite; complete dentition (the absence of the 2 M3 in the lower jaw not being penalized). Teeth strong, regularly aligned and set square to the jaw. **Lips:** relatively thick, fitting neatly. **Cheeks:** cheek bones not too prominent. **Eyes:** of medium size, slightly deep set, with a friendly expression; well covered by the overhanging eyebrows. Brown or dark brown in grey-blue coated dogs; light brown in light-coffee brown dogs. Eyelids black in grey-blue dogs; liver-colour in light-coffee-brown dogs. **Ears:** of medium size, drooping in such a way as to well cover the orifice. Set on rather high and falling flat along the cheeks. Shaped like a triangle, with the shorter side of the triangle at the fold of the ear.

Neck: Medium long, quite strong, carried on a slant. The skin at the throat is somewhat loose but without forming a dewlap.

Forequarters: The forelegs should be straight, well boned and parallel. Shoulders muscular. Elbows somewhat loose, yet neither turned in nor out. Forefeet large; well arched toes and strong nails. Pads well developed and thick.

Body: Oblong. Upper line not straight because loins and rump are always moderately arched. Withers not very pronounced; neck set on rather high. Back strong, of medium length. Loins relatively long, muscular, broad and slightly rounded. Croup strongly developed, muscular, pelvis moderately slanting. Hip bones often slightly higher than the withers. Chest more cylindrical than deep; ribs well sprung. Belly ample and slightly tucked up. Flanks well filled.

Hindquarters: Hindlegs strong, parallel, well angulated and muscular. Lower thigh short. Hock joint set relatively high, strongly developed. Hind feet smaller than the forefeet.

Tail: The ideal length is 18-20 cm; relatively strong and low set. At rest hanging downward or with a slight bend at the tip; when alert the tail is carried sabre shape horizontally or higher.

Gait: Free, enduring, vigorous, with drive. Gallop rather slow but lasting. The forelegs extend in a straight forward line.

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.

- Weak construction
- Temporary loss of nasal pigmentation (snow nose)
- Weak, short or snipey foreface, with weakly developed teeth
- Absence of one (1) incisor
- Eyes too big or protruding
- Ears too big or too small, or different in shape or carriage as described in the standard.
- Back too long or too short
- Crooked forelegs, incorrect front
- Coat too fine or too coarse

Disqualifications:

- Absence of more than 4 teeth, absence of 2 or more incisors
- Canine placed in vestibulo position
- Entropion or ectropion
- Chest circumference more than 50 cm
- Curled tail or carried over the back
- Long brindled coat on dogs older than 2 years
- Coarse or curled cotton-wool type hair
- White markings covering more than 20%; white blaze on the head
- Irregular, jerky spasmodic movements ("Scottie cramp")
- Weight not less than 6 kg and not more than 10 kg
- Shyness, unbalanced or aggressive disposition

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