



MOSCOW TOY TERRIER

Standard Provided by ABIDS

Small elegant dog, mobile, long-limbed, square format. Thin bones and lean muscles. There are two varieties: smooth-haired and long-haired. Genders differences are obscure morphologically, but strongly expressed in behavior.

HEIGHT - The height at crest is 18-26 cm (7-10"), up to 28 cm (11") is acceptable.

BEHAVIOR - Active, very cheerful, not cowardly, not vicious.

HEAD - Small, elegant, lean, moderately wide in cheekbones, though cheekbones do not stand out. The forehead is a little roundish, superciliary arches are well developed, transition to a muzzle is clearly defined. The muzzle is lean, pointed, 1/3 of the head length. The lips are thin, lean, tight. The nose is small, black or of body color.

EARS - Large, thin, high-set, erect. Half-erect ears (broken) are acceptable, though undesirable.

EYES - Rather large, round, somewhat protruding, set widely and frontally, dark.

EYELIDS - Are dark, tight, of the body color.

TEETH - Small, white. Scissors-like occlusion.

NECK - Long, lean, high-positioned, a little bent.

CORPUS - Compact. The top line, from the crest to the base of the tail, is somewhat slanting. The crest is expressed. The back is strong and straight. The loin is short and somewhat convex. The croup is somewhat roundish and a little slanting, the tail is docked short (2-3 vertebrae are left). The dog keeps it cheerfully, at or above the back level. The chest is deep, oval, moderately wide, reaches the elbow level. The abdomen is well taut.

FORELEGS - Straight and parallel when viewed frontally. The arm angle is about 110°-120°. The elbows are directed backwards and pressed to the corpus. Foreleg length is more than half of the height at the crest, the leg height index is about 55-58. The metacarpals are vertical. The feet are small, oval.

HIND LEGS - When viewed from behind, parallel and set wider than the forelegs. Thighs are of middle length, set with a little slant. All angles at joints are well defined. The metatarsals are of middle length, vertical.

MOVEMENT - Swift, easy, rectilinear with rather short steps. The dog's silhouette is fairly similar in static state and in motion.

COLOR - Any uniform color except black or white. Whitish or sandy/gingery dapples on black, brown or light-blue background. Small white marks on the bosom and digits are acceptable, but undesirable.

HAIR - There are two varieties: smooth-haired and long-haired.

SMOOTH-HAIRED VARIETY - The hair is short, adherent, glossy, with no undercoat and hairless areas.

LONG-HAIRED VARIETY - The body is covered with moderately long (3-5 cm, or 1.2-2") straight or lightly waved adherent hair which does not hide the natural corpus outline. The hair on the head, muzzle, front side of the limbs is short and adherent. The hair on the rear side of the limbs is long and grows in tufts distinctly separate from the rest of fur. All feet are covered with longish silky hair. The ears are covered with very dense and long fringe-like hair. Adult dogs (more than 3 years old) should have the ears' outward edges and tips fully covered with the fringe. The hair on the corpus should not look ruffled or too short (less than 2 cm, or 0.8").

Any deviations from the above standards are evaluated accordingly to their degree.

DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS –Cryptorchism, aggressiveness, white color, spottiness, white spots above metacarpus, large spots on the bosom and throat, abnormal occlusion, Chihuahua-like head, short legs, pendent ears, height above 30 cm (12").
For smooth-haired dogs - large number of hairless areas, for long-haired dogs - lack of the decorative hair on their ears.