

FCI STANDARD No.339 – 22-06-2001 (PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER)

Origin: Great Britain

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UTILIZATION: Robust, tenacious working terrier, with special ability to go to ground.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.: Group 3 - Terriers; Section 1 - Large and medium sized Terriers; With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Workmanlike, active and agile; built for speed endurance. Overall picture of balance and flexibility. Honourable scars permissible.

IMPORTANT PORPORTIONS: Well balanced. Overall length of body slightly longer than height from withers to ground. Length from nose to stop slightly shorter than from stop to occiput.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Essentially a working terrier with ability and conformation to go to ground and run with hounds. Bold and friendly.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Flat, moderately broad, gradually narrowing to the eyes.

Stop: Shallow.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Black.

Jaws/Teeth: Jaws strong, muscular. Teeth with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Eyes: Almond shaped, fairly deep-set, dark, keen expression.

Ears: Small, V-shaped, dropping forward, carried close to head, tip of ear to reach corner of eye, fold not appear above top of skull.

NECK: Clean, muscular, of good length, gradually widening to shoulders.

BODY: Well balanced. Overall length slightly longer than height from withers to ground.

Back: Strong and straight.

Loin: Slightly arched.

Chest: Of moderate depth, not to come below point of elbow, capable of being spanned behind the shoulders by average size hands. Ribs not over-sprung

TAIL: Strong, straight, moderately high set, carried well up on the move.

Customarily docked with length complementing the body while providing a good handhold.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS: Strong, must be straight with joints turning neither in nor out.

Shoulders: Long and sloping, well laid back, cleanly cut at withers.

Elbows: Close to body, working free of the sides.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong, muscular with good angulation.

Stifle: Good bend of stifle.

Hocks: Set low.

Rear Pasterns: Parallel, giving plenty of drive.

FEET: Compact with firm pads turning neither in nor out

GAIT/movement: Free-striding, well co-ordinated, straight action front and behind.

SKIN: Must be thick loose.

COAT

Hair: Naturally harsh, close and dense, whether rough or smooth. Belly and undersides coated.

Color: Entirely white or predominantly white with tan, lemon or black margins, or any combination of these colours, preferably confined to head and/or root tail.

SIZE:

Dogs ideal height at withers 36 cm (14 ins). Bitches ideal height at withers 33 cm (13 ins). 2 cm above or below is acceptable.

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