

KUSA



Official Breed Standard

Lakeland Terrier (Terrier Group)



A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Smart, workmanlike, well balanced and compact.

CHARACTERISTICS

Gay, fearless demeanour, keen of expression, quick of movement, on the tip toe of expectation.

TEMPERAMENT

Bold, friendly and self-confident.

HEAD & SKULL

Well balanced. Skull flat and refined. Jaws powerful and muzzle broad but not too long. Length of head from stop to tip of nose not exceeding that from occiput to stop. Nose black, except in liver coated dogs when the nose will be liver.

EYES

Dark or hazel. Slanting eyes undesirable.

EARS

Moderately small, v shaped and carried alertly. Set neither too high nor too low on head.

MOUTH

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

NECK

Reachy, slightly arched, free from throatiness.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders well laid back. Forelegs straight, well boned.

BODY

Chest reasonably narrow. Back strong, moderately short and well coupled.

HINDQUARTERS

Strong and muscular. Thighs long and powerful with well turned stifles. Hocks low to ground and straight.

FEET

Small, compact, round and well padded.

TAIL

Previously customarily docked.

Docked: Well set on, carried gaily but not over back or curled.

Undocked: Well set on, carried gaily but not over back or curled. In overall balance with the rest of dog.

[*refer note below]

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. Good drive coming from well flexing hindquarters.

COAT

Dense, harsh and weather resisting with good undercoat.

COLOUR

Black and tan, blue and tan, red, wheaten, red grizzle, liver, blue or black. Small tips of white on feet and chest undesirable but permissible. Mahogany or deep tan not typical.

SIZE

Height not exceeding 37cm (14½in) at shoulder.

Average weight: Dogs: 8kg (17 lb); Bitches: 7kg (15 lb).

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 health & welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

NOTE

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

***Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, docked or formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either.** (Fedco 12/2017 Amended DR/Feb 2018)



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