BIEWER TERRIER BREED STANDARD - BTCC, Inc.

General Appearance

The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, longhaired, uniquely coloured toy terrier with a breed signature ponytail. The coat parts down the middle, hanging straight and evenly on both sides of the body as though a comb has been used to part it. The back is level, with height at shoulders being equal to height at the croup. Although the outline of the dog gives the appearance of a square, the body length is slightly longer than the overall height. The tail is set high and carried well arched over the body, covered with a long luxurious plume. The Biewer Terrier has a lighthearted, whimsical, childlike attitude. Although mischievous at times, they are obedient and make a loyal companion.

Head

Expression- Is more human than that of a dog, being bright and intelligent.
Eyes- Are medium sized and may be round or almond shaped with a crisp, clear countenance.
Iris- As dark as possible.
Ears- Are small, upright, V shaped, moderately wide set and covered with hair except the tips being shaved. They are set to the back of the skull and the base is level with the eyes.
Skull- Slightly rounded.
Stop- Moderate.
Muzzle- One-third the length of the head.
Eye rims, ***Nose*****, and *Lips-*** Completely black.
Bite- Level or scissor bite.
Teeth- Straight and even.

Serious Fault- Incomplete pigment on the eye Rims, nose, and lip; *Ears* not standing erect.
Disqualification- Blue eye(s); Brown or liver pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, and lips.

Neck, Topline and Body

Neck- Moderate in length, free from throatiness.
Topline- Level.
Body- Length is slightly longer than the overall height, although square is acceptable***.***
Chest- Comes to the elbows with a good width.
Ribs- Moderately sprung.
Underline- Slightly tucked up.
Back- Level topline.
Loin- Well developed and strong.
Tail- Set high when in movement and carried well arched over the body in a graceful sickle curve, covered with a long luxurious plume. Plume lies to either side of the body. Length of tailbone must go to the stifles or longer. When reposed, the tail may be relaxed. A kink in the tail is not to be faulted.

Serious Faults- *Roach or rounded back; high in the front or rear.*

Front

Forequarters- Forelegs should be straight, elbows neither in nor out.
Angulation- Moderate. Shoulders are nicely laid back to allow for good reach and freedom of movement.
Elbows- Set close to the body.
Legs- Straight when viewed from the front, muscular and covered with hair.
Pasterns- Up and straight.
Dewclaws- May be removed but not required.
Feet- Round.
Toes- Well arched covered with hair which may be trimmed not to impede movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot.
Pads- Black and/or flesh.
Nails- Black and/or white.

Disqualification - *Brown or liver pigmentation of the pads.*

Rear

Hindquarters- In balance with the forequarters.
Angulation- Rear to match front.
Legs- Hind legs are straight when viewed from behind, muscular and covered with hair.
Stifle- Slightly bent when viewed from the side.
Hocks- Straight when viewed from behind, pointing neither in nor out.
Dewclaws- May be removed but not required.
Feet- Round.
Toes- Well arched covered with hair which may be trimmed not to impede movement or trimmed to show the shape of the foot.
Pads- Black and/or flesh.
Nails- Black and/or white.

Disqualification - *Brown or liver pigmentation of the pads.*

Coat

Long and flowing with a soft silky texture. Hair is straight without an undercoat, hanging close to the ground if not touching. Coat maybe trimmed to floor length for ease of movement. Head fall is tied up into a single ponytail on top of the head, hanging loose. Puppy ponytails may be placed a little lower on the head as to gather the short hairs. A bow is used for adornment; no topknots or roll overs. Feet are trimmed for a neat, clean appearance. Trim around anus.

Head falls that display topknots, or roll overs common to other breeds shall be so severely penalized as to be eliminated from competition.

Color

Head Coloring- Blue/Black, Gold/Tan and White in good symmetry. Any combination of the following two colours, (Blue/Black and Gold/ Tan); (Gold/ Tan and White) in good symmetry is acceptable.

Body Coloring- Hair on back is blue/black and white. Amounts of each colour are of personal preference with no dominating patterns. No amount of tan hair may be found on the back, belly, chest, legs or feet. A small amount of tan hair may be found around the anus.

Body Colouring:

Chest, Stomach, Legs* and *Tip of the Tail- *White*. The white from the chest should come up the neck to cover the chin. Legs are to be white from the elbows and stifles to the feet.

Disqualification – *Any other colour or combination of colors other than those that are listed.*

Gait

The Biewer Terrier moves with confidence and pride. Movement should be graceful, smooth and straightforward without being stilted or hackneyed. When viewed from the side, the top line remains level, he gives an impression of rapid movement, size considered. Hind legs should track in line with the front legs, going neither inside nor outside. Tail must be up when in movement.

Serious Fault - *Hackneyed gait in adults.*

Temperament

Intelligent, loyal and very devoted to their human family. They have a fun loving, childlike attitude that makes them a great companion for all ages. They quickly make friends with animals of any origin.

The foregoing description is of the ideal Biewer Terrier. Any deviation from the above described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Serious Faults

Roach or rounded back; Hackneyed gait in adults; Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose, and lips; ears not standing erect; over 8 lbs; Any other colour than those that are listed.

Roach or rounded back:

Eliminating Faults

Head falls that display topknots or roll overs common to other breeds.

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Disqualifications

Blue eye(s); Brown pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, lips and pads; Any other colour or combination of colours other than those that are listed.