



THE SCOTTISH COLLIE CLUB'S STANDARD – 1885

ROUGH COATED

Head:

moderately long in proportion to the dogs' size, covered with short, soft hair. Skull flat, moderately wide between the ears and gradually tapering to the eyes. There should be a very slight elevation of the eyebrows and very little stop.

Muzzle:

of fair length, tapering to the nose, which, whatever the colour of the dog, should be black. The teeth which are white and of goof size, should not be over nor undershot. Both are faults, the latter the greater of the two.

Eyes:

of fair size, but not prominent, are placed rather close together and set obliquely in the head, which gives that cunning foxy expression so characteristic of the breed. Colour any shade of brown, the darker the better, yellow eyes being a great fault. Dogs of mired colour should have a mired or china eye and sometimes both eyes are of this colour.

Ears:

small, placed rather close together at the top of the head, covered with short soft hair and carried semi-erect when in attention; at other times thrown back and buried in the frill.

Neck:

long, arched, muscular.

Body:

rather long than short, ribs well rounded, chest deep and narrow in front, but of fair breadth behind the shoulders, which should be oblique. Loin rather long and slightly arched, showing power.

Legs:

Forelegs straight and muscular, with a fair amount of flat bone, the forearm moderately fleshy, the hindlegs less fleshy, very sinewy and hocks well bent. Pasterns long and light in bone. Feet oval in shape, the soles well padded, and toes well arched and close.

Tail:

moderately long, carried low when the dog is quiet, gaily when excited and almost straight out when running.

Coat:

This is a very important point. The coat, except on the head and legs, should be abundant, the outer coat harsh to the touch, the inner coat soft and furry, and very close, so close, that it is difficult on parting the hair to see the skin. The hair very abundant round the neck and chest; this is termed the frill. The mask is smooth, the forelegs slightly feathered, the hindlegs below the hocks smooth. Hair on tail very profuse, and on the hips long and bushy. Colour: Any colour.

Size:

Dogs 21 in. to 24 in. at shoulder, Bitches 2 in. less.

Weight:

Dogs 45 lb to 60 lb, Bitches 40 lb to 50 lb.



General Appearance:

A lithe active dog, with no useless timber about him, his deep chest showing strength, his sloping shoulders, and well bent hocks speed. His "bawsint" face high intelligence. The face should bear a sharp, doubtful expression. As a whole, he should present an elegant and pleasing outline, quite distinct from any of our other domesticated breeds, and show great strength and activity.

Faults:

Domed skull, high peaked occipital bone, heavy pendulous ears, full soft eyes, heavily feathered legs, short tail.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	15
Eyes	5
Ears	10
Neck and Shoulders	15
Body	10
Legs and Feet	15
Tail	5
Coat	20
Size & General Appearance	10
GRAND TOTAL	

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