

Rat Terrier

Do not Spar

Examine on Table

Height Two size divisions 10" – 13" and over 13" – 18"

General Appearance – Sturdy, compact, small to medium-sized parti-colored dog. Appears elegant and fit denoting speed, power and balance. Do not fault honorable scars or a couple of broken or missing teeth.

Head – Resembles a smooth, blunt wedge. **Expression**- Alert, intelligent, full of interest. **Eyes**-Not large. Obliquely set, wide apart, oval. Eye and rim color vary with coat. **Ears**-Set on top, V-shaped, various carriage. **Skull**-Moderate width, relatively flat on top, rounded at crown. **Muzzle**-Slightly shorter than skull. **Nose**-Corresponds to body color, entirely pigmented. **Bite**-Scissors preferred, level acceptable

Topline/Back-Level and firm to gently rounded croup.

Body-Brisket extends to elbow, moderate tuck-up.

Tail-Customarily docked or natural bobtail or left naturally long. Length unimportant. Carried from slightly below horizontal to almost erect.

Coat-Short, close lying, smooth and shiny. Whiskers not removed.

Color-Any variation of Pied patterning acceptable, with or without "tan points" include predominate Black or Chocolate, Red, Apricot, Blue, Fawn, Tan, Lemon or White. Preferred white=10 to 90%.

Temperament-Keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, yet easily trained and obedient to command.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Any dog over 6 months measuring under 10" or over 18"
- Any blue color in the eye(s)
- Cropped ears
- An absence of coat. Any suggestion of kink or curl, or coat type other than described.
- Solid colorations (Other than white).
- Bi colors without white, or dogs with a patch or strip of white measuring less than one inch at its widest dimension.
- Brindle or Merle color pattern.