

# Border Terrier

## DO NOT SPAR - SPAN

Examine on Table

**Weight** - Dogs 13-15 lbs, Bitches 11-14 lbs.

**General Appearance** - Active, medium of bone, great endurance, agile, rather narrow in shoulder, body and quarter. Close-fitting, wiry and broken coat. "Otter" head with keen eye. Strongly put together. Alert, good-tempered, affectionate, obedient, easily trained.

**Head** - Similar to otter. **Eyes**- Dark, hazel, full of fire and intelligence, moderate in size. **Ears** - Small, set somewhat to side, dropping forward, do not break above the level of the skull. **Skull** - Width between eyes and ears, and is broad and flat. **Cheeks** - Slightly full. **Stop** - Curved (not abrupt). **Muzzle**- Short, well filled, dark preferred. **Bite** -Scissors, large strong teeth.

**Body** - Height at withers slightly greater than the distance from the withers to tail.). **Neck** - Clean, muscular, only long enough to give well-balanced appearance. **Back and loin** strong. **Body** deep, fairly narrow (body should be capable of being spanned by a man's hand, behind the shoulders). Skin on body loose. Examine for very thick hide. Underline fairly straight. **Tail** - Moderately short, thick at base, carried gaily when at the alert. **Forelegs** - Straight and not too heavy boned. **Forequarters** - Long, muscular. **Hindquarters** -Muscular and racy. **Stifles**- well bent. **Feet** - Small and compact. **Toes** - Point forward.

**Coat** - Wiry somewhat broken topcoat. Short, dense undercoat. Little trimming.

**Color** - Red, grizzle & tan, blue & tan, or wheaten. Dark muzzle desirable.

**Gait** - Straight, rhythmical, good length of stride, flexing at stifle and hock. Free, agile and quick.