

# Parson Russell Terrier

## DO NOT SPAR

## SPAN

Examine on Table

**Height** -Mature dogs 14", Mature bitches 13"

**General Appearance** - Bold, friendly, athletic and clever. Alert, confident, and ready attitude. Balanced in height and length. Medium in size and bone, suggesting strength and endurance. Important to breed type is natural appearance: harsh, weatherproof coat, clean silhouette. Small, flexible, compressible chest. Balance is the keystone. Height at withers is slightly greater than from withers to tail.

**Head - Eyes** - Almond shaped, dark, moderate size. **Ear** - Small V-shaped, drop, fold is-level with top of skull or slightly above. **Skull** - Flat, with muzzle and back skull parallel. Broad between ears. **Stop** - Well defined. **Muzzle** - Shorter than back skull. **Nose** -Must be black.

**Neck** - Moderately arched, fair length. **Topline** - Strong, straight, with slight arch over loin. **Tuck-up** - Moderate. **Chest** -Narrow. **Ribs** - Fairly well sprung. **Legs** -Strong and straight. **Hocks** -Near ground. **Tail** -Docked and not set on too high.

**Coat** -Broken and smooth. Double coat, harsh, close, dense, straight. NO sculptured furnishings. Shown in natural appearance.

**Color** - White, white with black or tan markings or a combination of these, tri-colored. White is predominate.

**Spanning** - *Span with hands tightly behind the elbows on the forward portion of chest. To measure span from behind, raising only the front feet from the ground (table), and compress gently This is a significant factor and a critical part of the judging process. The dog cannot be correctly judged without this procedure.*

**Gait** - Free, lively, well-coordinated

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Height under 12 " or over 15 "
- Prick ears.
- Liver nose.
- Overshot, undershot, wry mouth.
- Brindle markings.
- Overt aggression toward another dog.