

# *Getting to know The Biewer Terrier*



Presentation prepared by the Biewer Terrier Club of America, Inc.

# Mars Wisdom Panel Testing

With the story of how the Biewer breed originated and the actual dogs that we were receiving from Germany, we noticed a huge conflict and began contacting companies that were doing breed detection to help us with the truth. It would take a couple years but in 2007 Mars Veterinary made their testing available to the public that could test for all the breeds suspected to be used in the development of the Biewer Terrier.

This is the first time in the history of dog domestication, that a dog has been proven to be a "purebred" using the tools science has to offer instead of the customary pedigree documentation.



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## Breed Detail

### Biewer Terrier



### Breed Description

The Biewer Terrier has a long and flowing coat with a soft, silky texture. The coat is particolored, with white on the chest and underbody, though may be shades of tan on the head and muzzle, and shades of blue (gray) or black on the head, back and tail. Some white is possible on the muzzle and tail.

**AKC NAME:**  
Biewer Terrier

**AKC GROUP:**  
Toy

**GENETIC GROUP:**  
Terrier

**OBSERVED WEIGHT:**  
3 - 11 lbs

**SHOW WEIGHT:**  
4 - 8 lbs

# *The Biewer Terrier*



Biewer Terrier History

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Schneeflockchen von Friedheck, born Jan. 20, 1984, was the beginning of the Biewer Terrier breed. At this time they just called them black and white Yorkshire terriers. Three months later another one was born and by the end of 1984 they had produced around 5 black and white Yorkies, all from different parents.



Mrs. Biewer Feb. 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Biewer kept a close reign on the Biewer breeding programs in Germany, so their quality-breeding dogs were hard to come by and were quite costly. After Mr.



One of the beginning dogs

## *Biewer Terrier History*

The demand for these exclusive dogs was hard to meet, as the Biewer's did not produce many Biewer type dogs and they were very selective where their dogs were placed. Many breeders tried to replicate the "Biewer Dog" by mixing other breeds together.



Mr. Biewer 1985

It wasn't long before Mr. Biewer became ill and was unable to help Mrs. Biewer carry on the dream they had set out to accomplish for the Biewer Breed. Sadly, Mrs. Biewer had to phase out their breeding program in order to better care for her husband during his illness.



Mrs. Biewer 1986

# Biewer Terrier Standard

The first Standard written by the Biewer's, was that of a Yorkshire Terrier except for the coloring. It was short and simple.



Yorkshire-Terrier-Zwinger  
von Friedhecke

Hirschfeld, 15.11.1989

## Standard

Biewer Yorkshire a la Pom-Pon.

Entsprechend dem Yorkshire Standard, außer Haarlänge und Haarfarbe.

Haarfarbe: Weiß-Blau-Gold

Kopf: Weiß-Blau-Gold symmetrisch gefärbt.

Deckhaar: Blau-Weiß durchbrochen, ganz weiß oder geschlossen blau mit weißer Halskrause. Kein Gold (Braun) im Deckhaar. Bein-Bauch und Brusthaar weiß.

Haarlänge: Dreiviertel bis Bodenlänge.

*Friedhecke*

*Eingetragener Zwingername im Klub f. Terrier e. V., V.D.H., F.C.T.  
Weltzinger, Europazinger, Bundessinger*

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*Werner Biewer, Bahnhof No. 10, 55483 Hirschfeld/Kreisrath, Ruf (06543) 4888*

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*Biewer Wertzeit*

## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

SiSi was Mrs. Biewer's pride and joy. This is an example of the perfect top line, so much so, that you can set a table her back. SiSi was the last living dog from the Freidheck Kennel and the closest example to what the Biewer's were trying to achieve for this breed in conformation, coloring and personality.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**General Appearance**—The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, longhaired, uniquely colored 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 the withers 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.

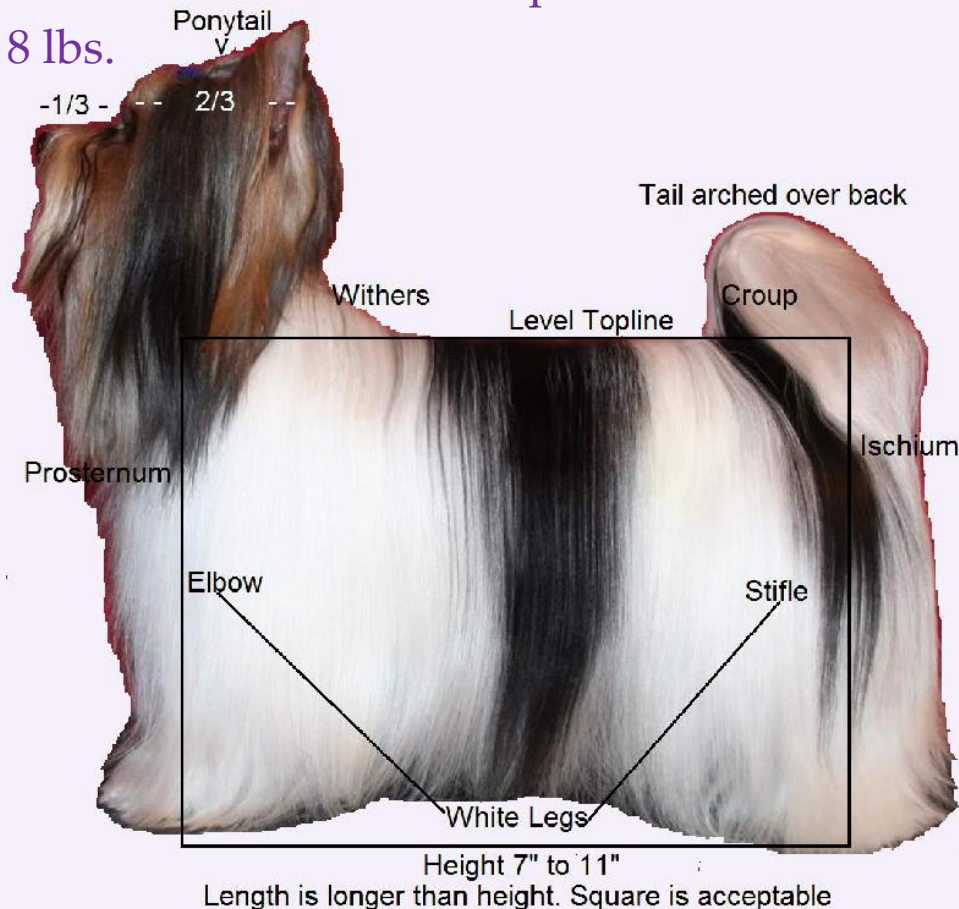




## Biewer Terrier Standard

**Size, Proportion, Substance**— **Size-** Height at the withers is the same as the height at the croup, measuring 7 to 11 inches, with weight being 4 to 8 lbs. **Proportion-** Length of body from prosternum to ischium is longer than over all height, making the dog off square although square is acceptable. **Substance-** Body is fine to medium boned with a level top line.

**Serious Fault-** Over 8 lbs.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**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 lips;  
Ears not standing erect.

**Disqualification-** Blue eye(s); Brown or liver pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, and lips.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**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 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.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**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 are 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.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**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.

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## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*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 rollovers. 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.



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## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

Shih Tzu and Yorkshire Terrier topknots are unacceptable and should be faulted if presented in the show ring.





## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**Color**— The Biewer Terrier is a uniquely colored toy terrier. **Head Coloring-** Blue/Black, Gold/Tan and White in good symmetry. Any combination of the following two colors, (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 color 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. **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 color than those that are listed.

## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

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## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**Gait**—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.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

**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.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*Temperament*— These mothers will share their babies and nurse each others babies. The Biewer Terrier takes the motto” It takes a village to raise a child” to heart.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*Temperament*— This is the sire of the litter. He cleans the puppies and nurtures the mom.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*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 color than those that are listed.

***Eliminating Faults;*** Head falls that display topknots, or roll overs common to other breeds.

***Disqualifications;*** Blue eye(s); Brown or liver pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, lips and pads; Any other color or combination of colors other than those that are listed.

## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

The Biewer Terrier is an excellent companion dog. Characteristically curious, little outgoing dogs with an eagerness to please, makes them easily trainable. We have dogs that are not only doing well in competition, but they are doing equally well in agility and Rally. The Biewer Terrier is a funny little dog and quite entertaining. Although they self-exercise, they love hiking or going on long walks. At the end of the day, they are happiest when near their human families, whether entertaining them, sitting in a lap or lying nearby.



Rally



Agility



Conformation



## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

Adults and puppies competing in Rim Lure Coursing.



## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*Temperament— Personality Plus.*



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*Temperament— Personality Plus.*



Don't touch that dial!

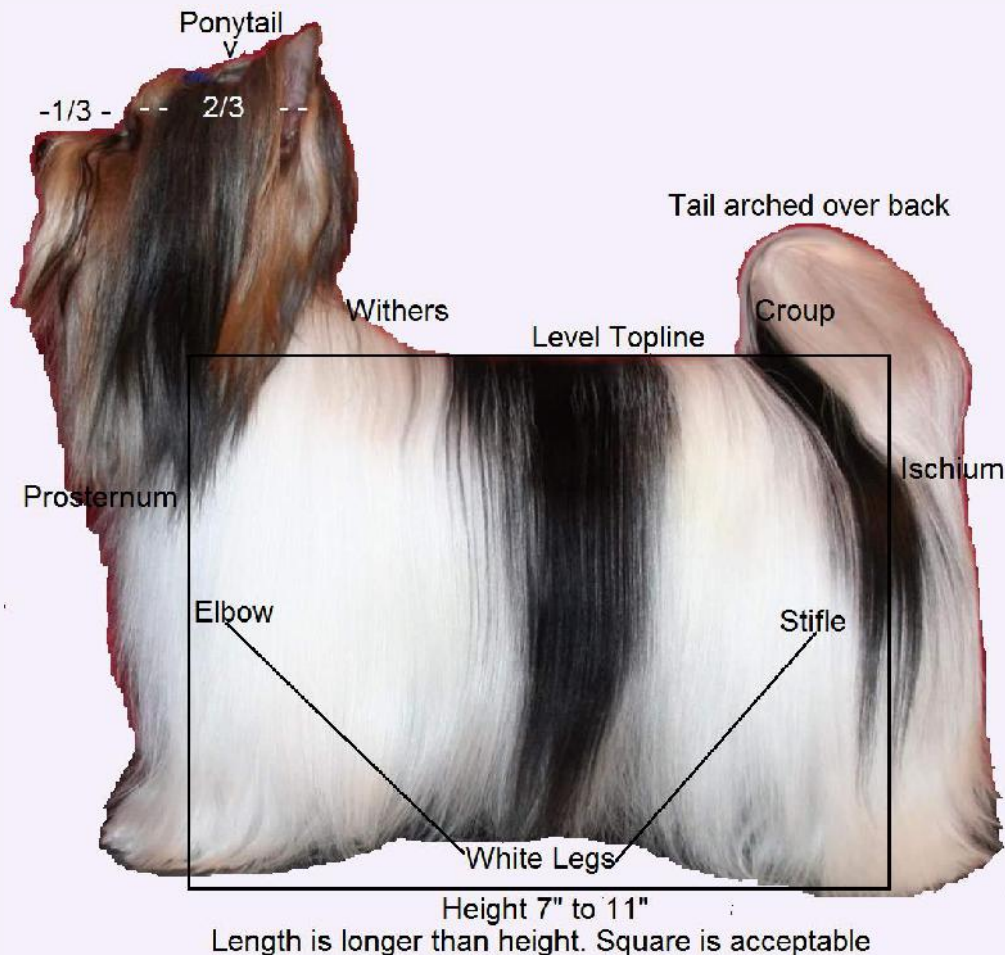
## *Biewer Terrier Standard*

*Temperament*— Not uncommon to see them smiling and helping out.



## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

When showing the Biewer Terrier, there are points that need particular attention. Legs are considered white from the elbows/stifles down. When the hair grows out, the black will drape over the white leg which is acceptable, but the leg itself is white. The following diagram shows the positions of measurements.



## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

Structure and coloring.



## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

To check the pad coloring, you should ask the exhibitor to left the foot for inspection or ask them to pick the dog up for a full view of all feet at once. If a dogs nose and eye rims are not brown, chances are the pads are not going to be brown.



## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

The long head hair should be pulled up in a ponytail with a bow on top of the head. Puppies may have the ponytail a little further down the forehead to gather the hair. The poufy topknots commonly seen on the Yorkshire Terrier and Shih Tzu are unacceptable and should never be put up. The Biewer Terrier has its own individual image and personality and we are not going to allow the Biewer Terrier to morph into a Yorkshire Terrier due to over grooming. This is considered a serious issue with our breed that is not going to be allowed to slowly work its way in.



← SiSi, the last Biewer Terrier produced in the Friedheck kennel depicting the ponytail on top of the head.

Then and Now.





## *Biewer Terrier Overview for Show*

To show off that individually, they should hold their heads high and tail carried well arched over the body, covered with a long luxurious plume. As they walk they project an air of joy and confidence, and should not skip nor bounce. The tail may be down when reposed.

