

# The Cesky Terrier

*"Clever, adventurous, and family-oriented terrier"*

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# Breed Purpose & History

- Developed in 1950's in Czechoslovakia as a cross between Scottish Terrier and Sealyham Terrier
- The breed founder, Frantisek Horak, desired a small hunting terrier that was easy to manage and would work well in a small pack or alone.
- His goals were:
  - ✓ a strong, well-muscled dog
  - ✓ a coat that could be clipped
  - ✓ strong jaws and forelegs for work underground
  - ✓ good mobility for tracking above ground
  - ✓ level temperament for work in packs
- The result is the modern Cesky Terrier, a clever, no-nonsense, reserved terrier.



## General Appearance

- Well-muscled, short legged, and well pigmented
- Topline rises slightly higher over the loin and rump
- Clipped coat
- Tail set follows the line of the rump.
- Lean body and graceful movement
- Reserved towards strangers
- Keen and alert in their surroundings



## Size, Proportion, Substance

***“Overall balance is more important than one aspect”***

- Proportion: Length to height ratio should be approx. 1.5 to 1.
- Height: Ideal height for Cesky should be 11.5 in. (dogs) or 10.5 (bitches) measured at the withers
- Weight: Ideal weight is between 13 to 22 lbs.



# Head

“SHAPED LIKE A LONG, BLUNT WEDGE”

- Length
  - Head Length 7-8: long
  - Longer for dog than bitch
- Breadth
  - 3-4” Wide
  - Blunt Wedge Shape
  - Slightly wider for a dog than bitch
- Head should join neck smoothly



# Head (contd.)

- ▶ Skull
  - Cheek bones moderately prominent
  - The plane of the forehead forms a slight but definite stop
  - Occipital protuberance
- ▶ Muzzle
  - Nasal bridge straight
  - Narrow foreface undesirable
- ▶ Nose
  - Dark and well-developed
  - Black
- ▶ Eyes
  - Almond shaped of medium size
  - Brown or dark brown
  - Slightly deep set
- ▶ Teeth
  - Set square in a strong jaw
  - Sound and regular and of good size
  - Either scissor or level bite acceptable
  - Full Dentition



# Ears

## Size

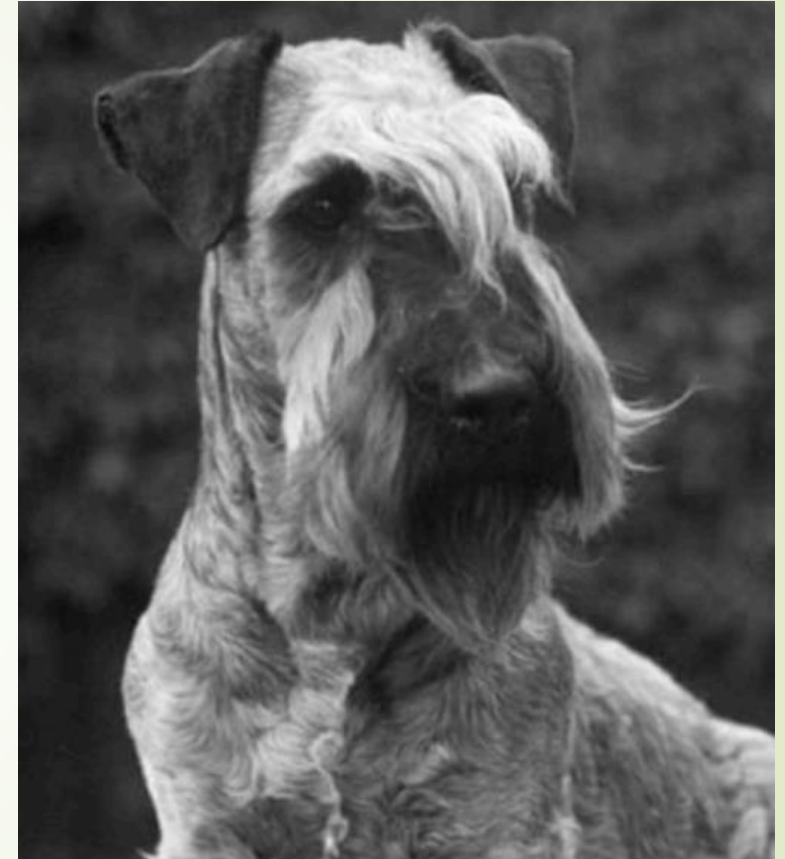
- Medium size
- Drooping to well cover the orifice.

## Set

- Rather high, but fold does not protrude over top of skull
- Forward edge lies close to cheek.

## Shape

- Triangular-shaped
- Short side of triangle at ear fold and longer than wide.





# Neck

- Well-muscled and strong
- Medium long
- Carried in a slight arch
- Set firmly on the shoulders



# Topline

- Slight rise over the loin and rump
- A rise over the loin does not mean high in the rear
- In profile the highest point of the topline past the withers should be at the rump
- Not a roached back



# Body

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Full-muscled, long body

Withers not very pronounced with the neck set rather high

Strongly developed rump

Pelvis moderately slanting with the hip bones and slightly higher than the withers

Well-fitted flanks and slightly tucked up belly

Chest cylindrical with well sprung ribs and should not extend below the elbows

Loins relatively long, muscular, broad and slightly rounded



# Tail

- ▶ Tail may be carried (all equally correct):
  - Downward
  - Slight bend at tip
  - Saber shaped horizontally or higher
- ▶ Over the back, almost touching the back is not correct.



# Forequarters

- ▶ Shoulders—muscular, well laid back and powerful
- ▶ Elbows —fit closely to the sides, somewhat loose, neither turned in nor out.
- ▶ Forelegs—short, straight, well-boned and parallel
- ▶ Forefeet—large with well-arched toes, strong nails and well-developed pads



## Hindquarters



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### Structure

- Strong, well-muscled
- Thighs longer than lower leg
- Stifle well bent

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### Hocks

- Well developed; well let- down
- Parallel

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### Hind Feet

- Smaller than forefeet
- Well arched toes
- Well padded.

# Coat

- Groomed by scissors or clippers
- At the forepart of the head the hair is left long to create a fall and beard
- Furnishings
  - Long, fine but firm,
  - Slightly wavy with a silky gloss;
  - Blended
  - Not “overdone”.
- Length
  - Shoulders and back no longer than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch
  - Shorter on sides of body and tail
  - Quite short on ears, cheeks, lower side of neck, elbows, thighs and around vent.





## Color

- Cesky Terriers are born black and lighten to all shades of grey as they age. By two years old they are close to their adult shade. All these shades are acceptable and are part of the uniqueness of the breed.
- The standard allows for brown pigmentation (instead of grey) which fades to light brown, but this color is very, very rare and is unlikely to appear in the US. If it does appear, light brown eyes and brown leather are acceptable in these dogs.



## Color of mature dog

- Any shade of gray from Platinum to Charcoal
- Fairly uniform color with darker pigment possible on head, ears, feet, and tail.
- Base color must predominate
- White, brown and yellow markings only on beard, cheeks, neck, chest, limbs and around the vent.
- White collar is permitted
- White tip on tail is permitted



*Disqualifications: White markings on more than 20% of the dog, white blaze on head, or brindled or reverse brindled coat in dog over 2 years old.*

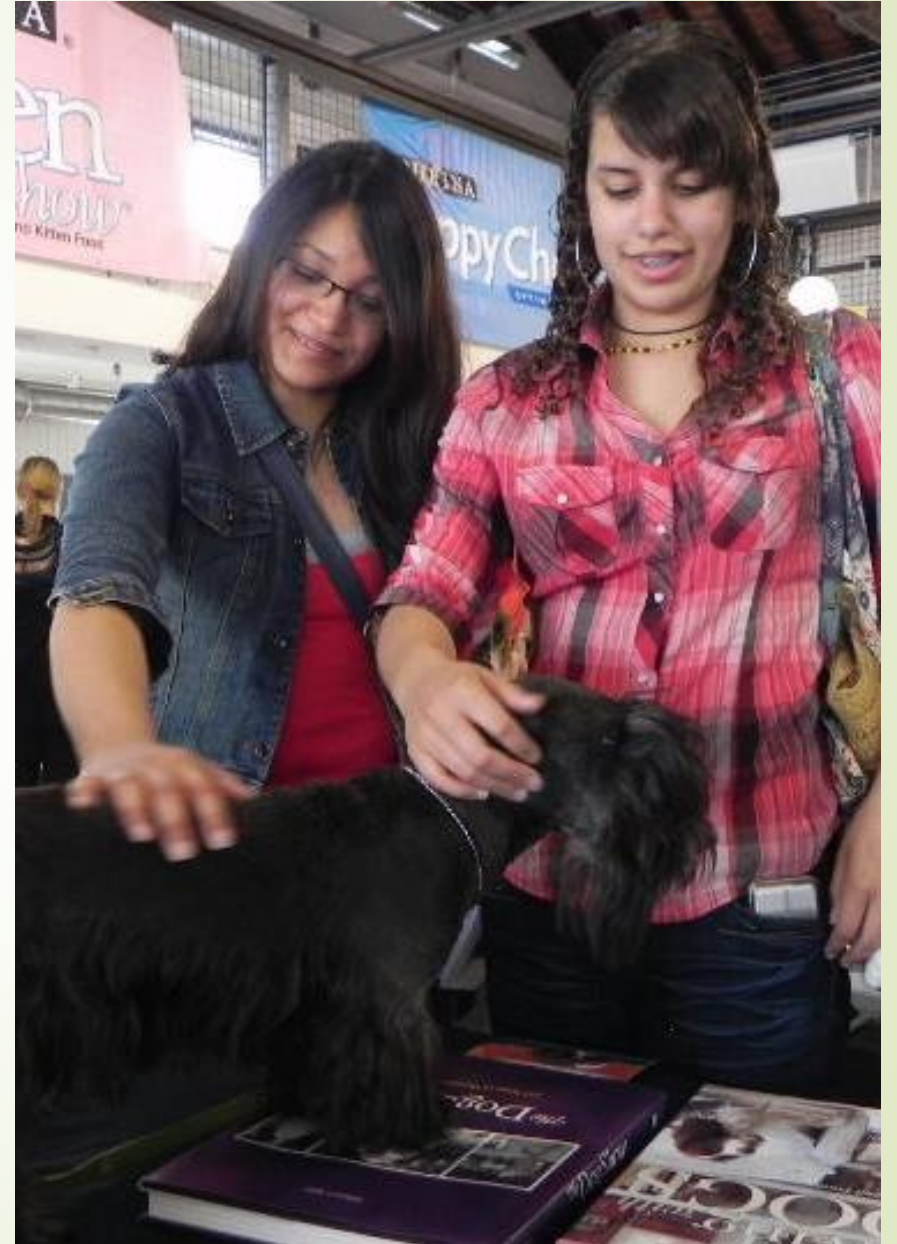
# Gait

*“Action should be free and even, with good reach in both the front and back, covering the ground effortlessly.”*



# Temperament

- Balanced, non-aggressive
- Can be reserved toward strangers
- Even tempered
- Not a sparring terrier



# Judging the Cesky Terrier—Key Elements

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Eyes: Medium size, deep set

Ears: Medium size

Tail: both set and carried low

Head: Wedge-shaped

Topline: Medium rise over loin

Neck: Long and strong

Well-muscled

Coat: fine, wavy furnishings and body clipped to highlight features

Gait: Long and effortless

