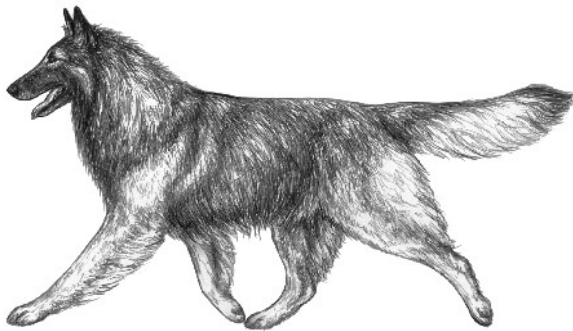


## Temperament

- Approachable and watchful
- Intelligent and alert
- No fear or shyness

## Movement

- Single tracks at a fast gait
- Full front and rear extension
- Lively and light



## Disqualifications

- Males under 23", over 26.5"
- Females under 21", over 24.5"
- Hanging ears
- Undershot bite such that there is a complete loss of contact by all the incisors
- Cropped or stump tail
- Solid black, solid liver, or any area of white except as specified on the chest, tips of toes, chin & muzzle.

## Quick Points to Review

- Silhouette: Square, elegant
- Gait: Effortless, efficient, balanced, moderate
- Temperament: Watchful, confident, alert, stable
- Head: Clean, chiseled, parallel planes, balanced proportions
- Expression: Intelligent, kind, questioning
- Coat/color: Double coated, medium-harsh, warm/rich hues, black overlay, black mask

*A judge should evaluate a dog by putting faults into perspective, considering the entire dog and the degree to which any faults deviate from the standard and negatively affect the dog's ability to herd. It is our desire that a judge be able to recognize outstanding quality and breed type when it is presented in the ring. Judge positively.*



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## Belgian Tervuren

### QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



***"The first impression of the Belgian Tervuren is that of a well-balanced, medium size dog, elegant in appearance, standing squarely on all fours, with proud carriage of head and neck. He is strong, agile, well-muscled, alert and full of life. The Belgian Tervuren is a natural dog...."***

**Head:** moderately long, well-chisled, clean. Skull and muzzle approx equal lengths, head not broad, muzzle not snipey.

Moderate stop with parallel planes. Dark brown almond eye, expression is intelligent and questioning.

**Frosting** on chin and end of muzzle is normal and will be more extensive in older dogs.

**Mask:** most or all of muzzle is black

**Lips:** tight, black from outside, well split

**Teeth:** Bite scissors or level, full dentition.

**Undershot with loss of contact all incisors = DQ**

**4 or more missing = serious**

**Chest:** Deep not broad.

Prosternum not hidden inside shoulders.

**Chest color:** A mix of black and gray on chest and throat is normal.

White patch on chest is acceptable, not to extend to either point of shoulder or more than 3" from point of prosternum

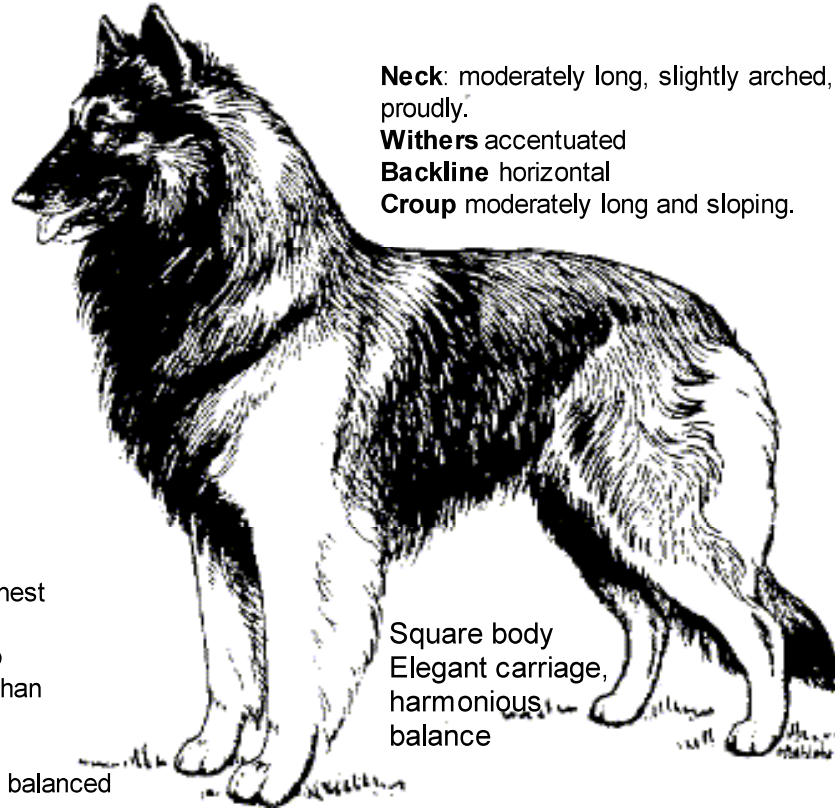
**Shoulder** long, well laid back shoulder and balanced angulation front and rear.

Stands squarely with shoulders well-placed and hind feet beneath point of hip.

**Movement** is smooth, light and efficient Extends fully but not extreme. The Teruren is lively and agile.

**Ears** set high, triangular and pointed. Well cupped. Not large. Well furred in front

**Hanging Ears = DQ**



**Neck:** moderately long, slightly arched, carried proudly.

**Withers** accentuated

**Backline** horizontal

**Croup** moderately long and sloping.

Square body  
Elegant carriage,  
harmonious  
balance

**Feet:** Toes tightly curved, well-padded. cat-footed in front, slightly longer in rear.

Pasterns short and slightly sloped.

**Character: intelligent and questioning expression. Alert to surroundings, pleasant, confident and trustworthy.**

Coat Dense, straight and long without exaggeration. Medium harsh and close fitting.

**Female coats are not as long as males – judge them equally.**

Color: Warm fawn color with black overlay, much variation.

Black in patches is a fault

Predominately pale, washed out or gray is a fault.

**Solid black or solid liver or any area of white not specified is a DQ**

**Tail** reaches hock. Carried smoothly . Lifts in motion not over back, hooked or carried to the side.

**Disqualifications: Males under 23 inches or over 26.5 inches; females under 21 or over 24.5 inches**

**Hanging ears, as on a hound**

**An undershot bite such that there is a complete loss of contact by all the incisors**

**A cropped or stump tail**

**Solid black, solid liver, or any area of white except as specified on the chest, tips of toes, chin and muzzle.**

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Tervuren Quick Guide for judges

## General Appearance

- Square
- Medium-sized, balanced
- Elegant, natural
- Depth & solidity without bulkiness



Male



Female

## Size, Proportion, Substance

- Males 24-26", Females 22-24"
- Body: square (point of shoulder to point of rump)
- Bone: medium

## Head

- Skull & muzzle of equal length
- Width of top skull: approximately equal but not wider than length
- Head planes parallel, flat backskull
- Stop: moderate
- Eyes: dark brown, slightly almond
- Ears: High-set, triangular
- Pigment: eye rims, nose & outside of lips are black
- Teeth: scissors or level, full dentition



## Neck, Topline, Body

- Neck: rather long, elegant, arched
- Topline: level, straight, firm
- Croup: medium long
- Chest: deep, reaching to elbow
- Abdomen: well-sprung ribs, flattened on the sides
- Tail: reaches hock, in action, raised to level with topline

## Forequarters & Hindquarters

- Shoulders: 45 degree layback
- Forearms: long, well muscled
- Legs: straight, parallel
- Pasterns: slightly bent
- Bone: oval
- Hindlegs: powerful without heaviness
- Stifles: clearly defined
- Hocks: moderately bent, short metatarsi
- Feet: front rounded, cat-like, rear slightly elongated, well-padded

## Coat

- Texture: medium-harsh, not wavy, weather-resistant
- Undercoat: dense
- Guard hair: long, close-fitting, straight
- Female coat: not as long or as ornamented as males

## Color

- Body: rich fawn to russet mahogany with black overlay is ideal & preferred.
- Chest: mixture of gray to black, allowing a single white patch, not to extend more than 3" above the prosternum, nor to reach either point of shoulder.
- Face: black mask, mostly black ears