

Breed standard of the Biewer terrier

General Appearance:

Appearance of a long-coated terrier. The coat is straight and even, it hangs down evenly on both sides and is parted along the back. The Biewer should appear dainty but compact; its expression should be open and strong. Its contours show a powerful and well proportioned body. The carriage of the Biewer is erect and confident. Head is held proud and shows its self-assurance.

Nature and character

The Biewer is delightful, lively, cheerful, affectionate, intelligent, self-confident, and balanced dog that has been bred as a household pet but does not want to be a lapdog only. Its coat needs diligent care.

Head and skull

Head is slightly flat and small; not too prominent. Skull part not rounded, muzzle not too long. Nose is to be completely black. Coat on the head is long. Permissible colors are gold and blue, white (white-blue/black-gold), symmetrically colored. Eyes: medium-sized, dark, sparkling with intelligence, looking straight ahead; not prominent. Rims are pigmented dark (framed). Ears: upright, small, V-shaped, borne upright. Set not too wide. Covered with short hair. Color: gold.

Bite:

Strong, regular, complete scissor bite. Incisors of the upper jaw are set above those of the lower jaw without any gap. Up to 4 premolar defects are acceptable; however, this is not desirable. Jaw is regularly formed.

Neck:

Of good length, not squat, sloping to a well-formed shoulder with slanting shoulder blades.

Shoulder:

Well placed.

Body:

Very compact; well formed loin part. Line of the upper back has to be straight. Well proportioned. Appearance should be square. Ribcage moderately arched.

Tail:

Well coated. Either pure white or blue (black) with a white tip. Positioned high. Carried high and slightly higher than the line of the back.

Front legs:

Legs are perfectly straight, placed parallel to each other and well covered with coat – pure white. Front and hind legs are of the same length.

Hind legs:

When viewed from the back, hind legs are perfectly straight; hocks are set parallel to each other and well covered with pure white hair. Knees and hocks are well angled. Front and hind legs are of the same length.

Paws:

Round and closed. Claws white or black. Paws on the front legs are slightly larger than those on the back legs.

Gait:

Free; with plenty of drive. Movement of forequarters and hindquarters straight on, back line is straight.

Coat:

The coat on the body is long and absolutely straight, not wavy. The structure is silky. Silky shine, no undercoat. The coat hangs straight and even on both sides of the body. The hair hanging from head and muzzle is long. Length of coat: three-quarter to floor-length.

Color:

Head is white-blue or black-gold; symmetrically colored. Top hair is broken blue/black-white or closed blue-black with a white ruff without brown tones in the top hair. The coat on chest, belly and legs is pure white. The Biewer terrier has to have three colors, blue or black/white/gold. The ruff has to be white. The chest color white is a matter of course, as are four white legs. The color white on the chest extends to the neck, which also has to be white, until it reaches the chin. On the front of the face, white is not absolutely necessary. Face color has to be set off dark with tan.

Height and weight:

Shoulder height up to 22 cm (8.6 inches), weight 3.1 kg (6.6 pounds)

Faults:

Protruding or pale eyes, pale nose, ears not upright, overshot or undershot bite, coat wavy or curly, not enough or too much white hair. All other deviations from the standard.

Male dogs:

Male dogs should have two apparently normal testicles descended into the scrotum.

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