

Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier

Height – Dogs 18” to 19”; Bitches – 17” to 18”

Can be sparred, but not always effective since he exhibits less aggressiveness than is sometimes encouraged in other terriers.

Medium sized, hardy, well balanced, sporting terrier. Square in outline. Distinguished by his soft, silky, gently waving coat of warm wheaten color and his particularly steady disposition. Moderate in structure and presentation; exaggerations to be shunned. He is alert, happy, graceful, strong and well-coordinated.

Head – Well balanced and in proportion to the body. Rectangular in appearance and moderately long. **Eyes** – Dark reddish brown or brown, medium in size, slightly almond shaped and set fairly wide apart. Eye rims black. **Ears** – Small to medium breaking level with skull, dropping slightly forward. **Skull** – Flat and clean between the ears. **Stop** – Defined. **Muzzle** – Powerful and strong, well filled below the eyes. Equal length to skull. **Nose** – Black. **Bite** – Scissors or level.

Neck – Medium length, clean and strong. **Back** – Strong and level. **Body** – Compact, relatively short coupled. **Chest** – Deep. **Ribs** – Well sprung, but without roundness. **Tail** – Set on high. Docked tail preferred. Whether docked or natural, carried upright 90° from the back, either straight or slight curve forward. **Forelegs** – Straight and well-boned. **Hindquarters** – Well bent stifles; hocks well let down. All dewclaws to be removed.

Coat – A distinguishing characteristic. Abundant single coat, soft and silky with a gentle wave. Coat must flow when the dog is in motion. Never clipped or plucked. Overly trimmed to be severely penalized.

Color – Any shade of wheaten. Blue-gray shading sometimes present on ears and muzzle.

Gait – Free, graceful and lively. Failure to keep tail erect when moving should be severely penalized.