

Tibetan Terrier

Height – Dogs 15” to 16”; Bitches slightly smaller
Examine on table

Square, medium-sized dog of powerful build. A fall of hair covers the eyes and foreface.

Head – Skull equal in length from the eye to the tip of the nose and from the eye to the occiput. Skull narrows slightly from ears to eyes, is not domed, but not absolutely flat between the ears. **Stop** – Marked, but not exaggerated. **Nose** – Black. **Bite** – Tight scissors, tight reverse scissors or level are equally acceptable. Slightly undershot also acceptable. **Eyes** – Large, fairly wide apart, dark brown and neither prominent or sunken. Eye rims are dark. **Ears** – Pendant, falling close to head and heavily feathered.

Body – Topline level in motion. Slightly arched loin. **Tail** – Medium length, heavily furnished, high set, falls over back curling to either side, sometimes with a kink near the tip. **Feet** – A unique feature of this breed. They are large, flat and round which produces a snowshoe effect that provides traction. Feet should always be checked.

Weight – 18 to 30 pounds, but proportion is far more important.

Coat – Double coated. Undercoat soft and woolly, outer coat profuse and fine, but never silky and woolly. May be wavy or straight. While the coat is long, an area of light should be seen under the dog when he is standing on a hard surface.

Serious faults – Sculpturing, scissoring, stripping or shaving are totally contrary to breed type.