

The Yorkshire Terrier



Judges' Education Presentation

The History of The Yorkshire Terrier

- The facts concerning the origins of the Yorkshire Terrier are usually presented in modern books as being unknown.



The History of The Yorkshire Terrier

- According to many present-day writers Yorkshires were the result of a number of breeds being bred together to produce the desired points. How anyone could believe, or even imagine, these early fanciers would have bred from a Dandie Dinmont, a breed with an uneven top line; a Maltese, a totally white breed lacking any blue or tan markings or from a smooth coated Manchester Terrier (originally a smooth coated Old English Terrier) is not being realistic. The name Manchester was not even given to this breed until a later day. We can only guess this latter breed was named because one of Huddersfield Ben's ancestors was a dog named Albert from Manchester.

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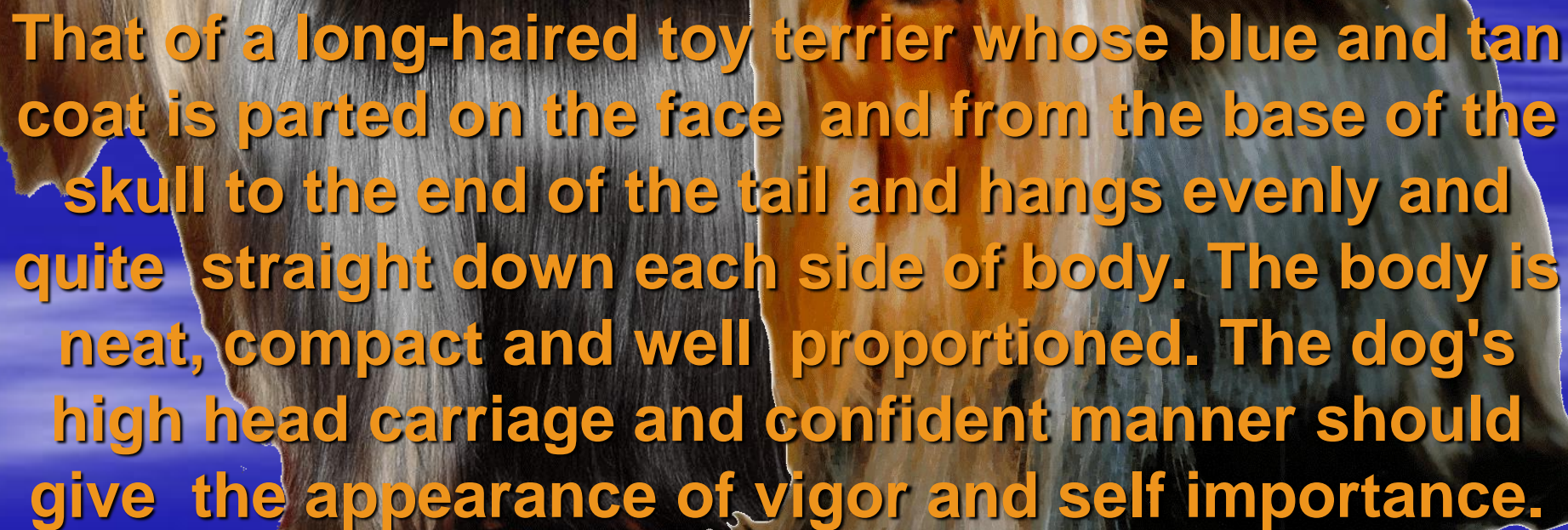
- One of the troubles in getting the Yorkies origins correct is that each of the three breeds necessary to arrive at the final breed of Yorkshire Terrier are now extinct.
- Along the path to their disappearance the breeds simply merged into other breeds or their type gave way to another version. The primary breed that is responsible for the Yorkshire was the Clydesdale Terrier (the blue and tan silky coated version of the Skye); the second breed was the Waterside Terrier (or Otter Terrier) and the third was the Old English Terrier (toy rough and broken haired).

The History of The Yorkshire Terrier

- The facts concerning these breeds are well recorded in books starting in 1846. However, later day authors did no research or the records were unavailable to them, or they simply preferred to go along with what someone else had written.
- Yorkshire Terriers were given their breed name by 1874, although it had been around since 1870. Originally they were known and shown as Broken Haired Scotch Terriers or Toy Terrier (rough and broken haired).



General Appearance

Two Yorkshire Terriers are shown against a blue gradient background. The dog on the left is in profile, facing left, with its long, straight, tan hair hanging down. The dog on the right is facing forward, also with long, straight, tan hair, and has a small red bow on its head. The text is overlaid on the dogs' bodies.

That of a long-haired toy terrier whose blue and tan coat is parted on the face and from the base of the skull to the end of the tail and hangs evenly and quite straight down each side of body. The body is neat, compact and well proportioned. The dog's high head carriage and confident manner should give the appearance of vigor and self importance.

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Interpretation

Many adjectives can be used to describe the Yorkshire Terrier as he is a well balanced, neat, small, sound, square appearing, elegant, long coated Toy Terrier, readily identifiable by his straight, flowing body coat of shiny, lustrous steel blue and near shaded gold's

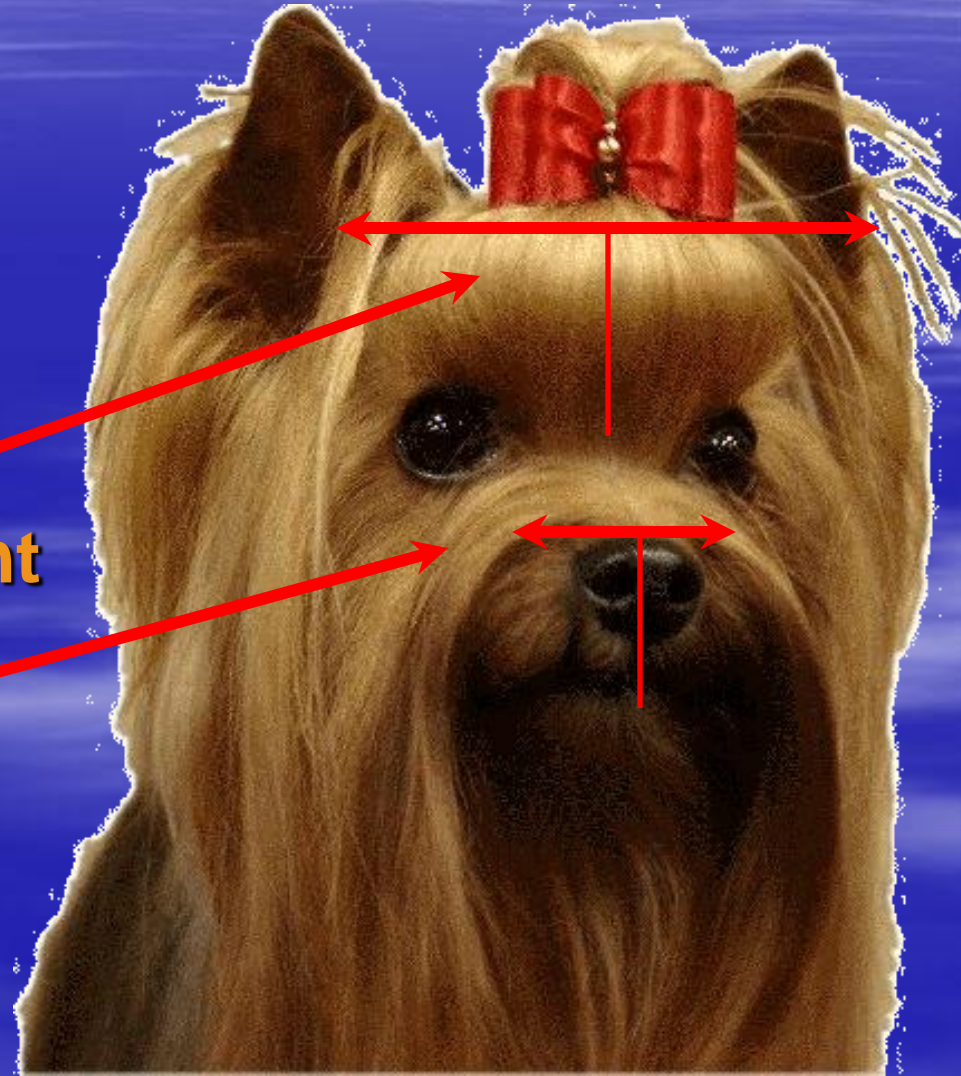


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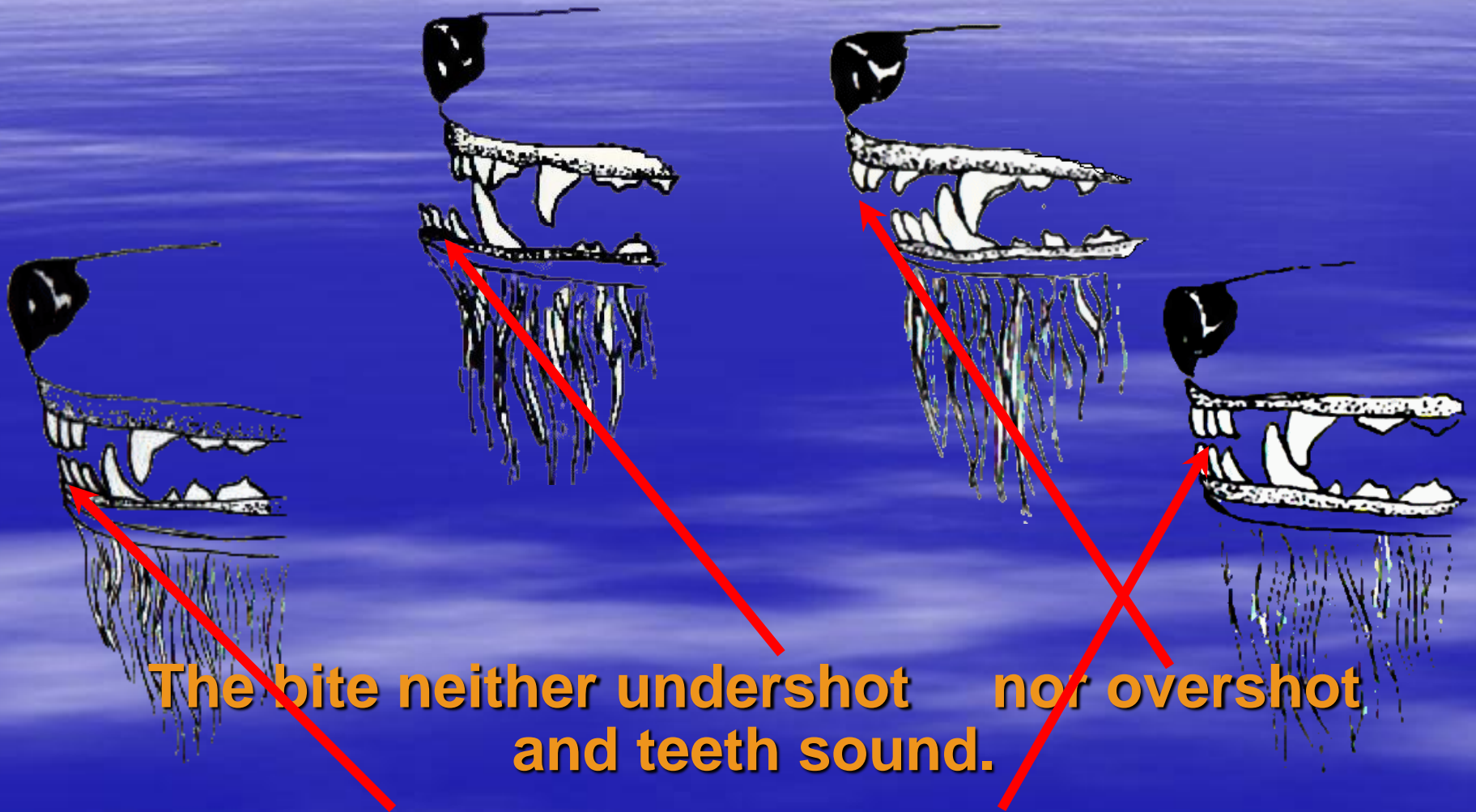
Small and rather flat on top,

the skull not too prominent or round,

the muzzle not too long,



HEAD



The bite neither undershot nor overshot
and teeth sound.

Either scissors bite or level bite is acceptable.

HEAD

Eyes are medium in size and not too prominent; dark in color and sparkling with a sharp, intelligent expression.

The nose is black.

Eye rims are dark.



HEAD



Ears are small, V-shaped,
carried erect and set not
too far apart.

DISCUSSION HEAD



Correct Head



Correct Planes



Down Faced



Pussycat
Face

DISCUSSION

EARS



Breeders cherish small, expressive ears, carried erect, that are set high on the head, close together, and V shaped.



Low set ears detract from expression and are as highly undesirable as ears that are too large, rounded on tips, bat shaped or set too wide.

DISCUSSION EYES

Eyes are intelligent and expressive with eyes and eye rims very dark appearing black.

A Terrier's eye looks straight ahead which plays a major part in his expression. The eye fits well into the socket, never protruding or sunken.



DISCUSSION

EARS

The ear fringe hair is trimmed off the edge of the ear leather about one-third down from the tip. Long hair on the front and back is smoothly trimmed one-third down from the tip.



It should be noted that ear fringes should not be caught up in the Yorkie's topknot as this practice does not permit free movement of the ears. Movement of ears is very important to expression.

DISCUSSION EYES



A large round eye
is generally found with a
too-rounded skull.

DISCUSSION

EYES



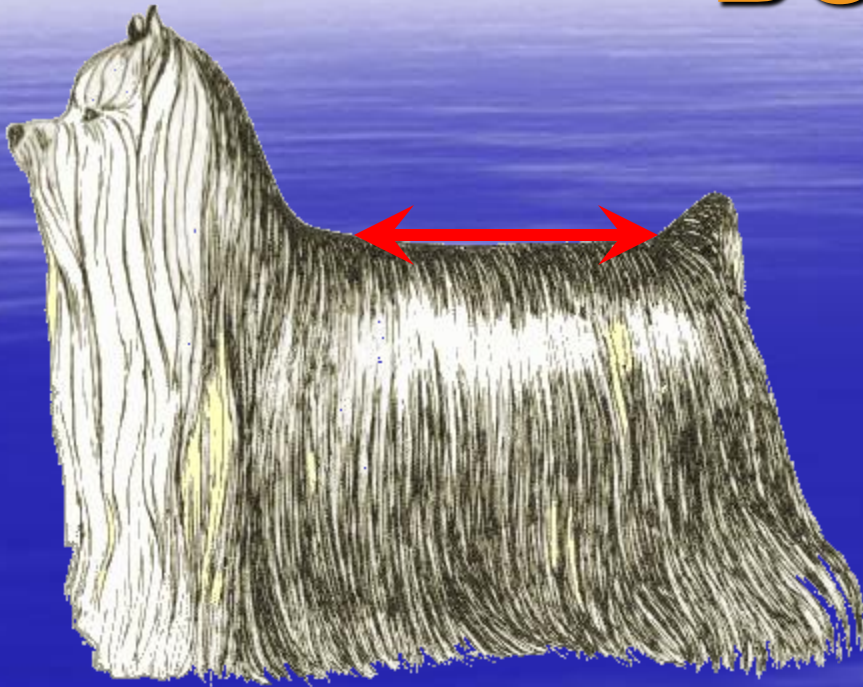
Yorkies with red-orange coloring on head and muzzle have a tendency toward lighter eyes and eye rims which are undesirable as it spoils the necessary keen expression.

DISCUSSION EYES

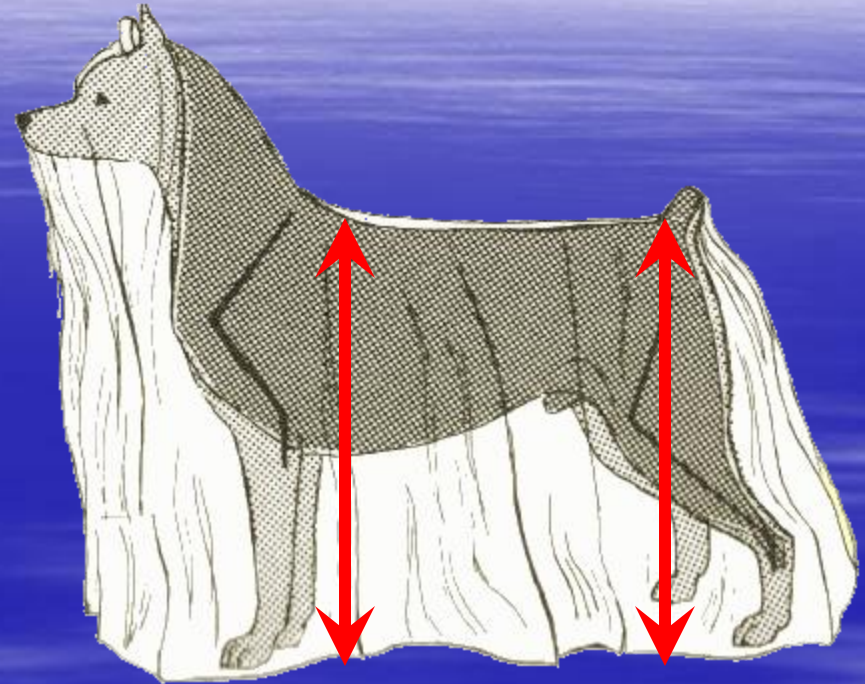
A "small beady eye" is highly undesirable and detracts from expression.



BODY



The back is rather short, the back line level,



with height at shoulder the same as at the rump.

Well proportioned and very compact.

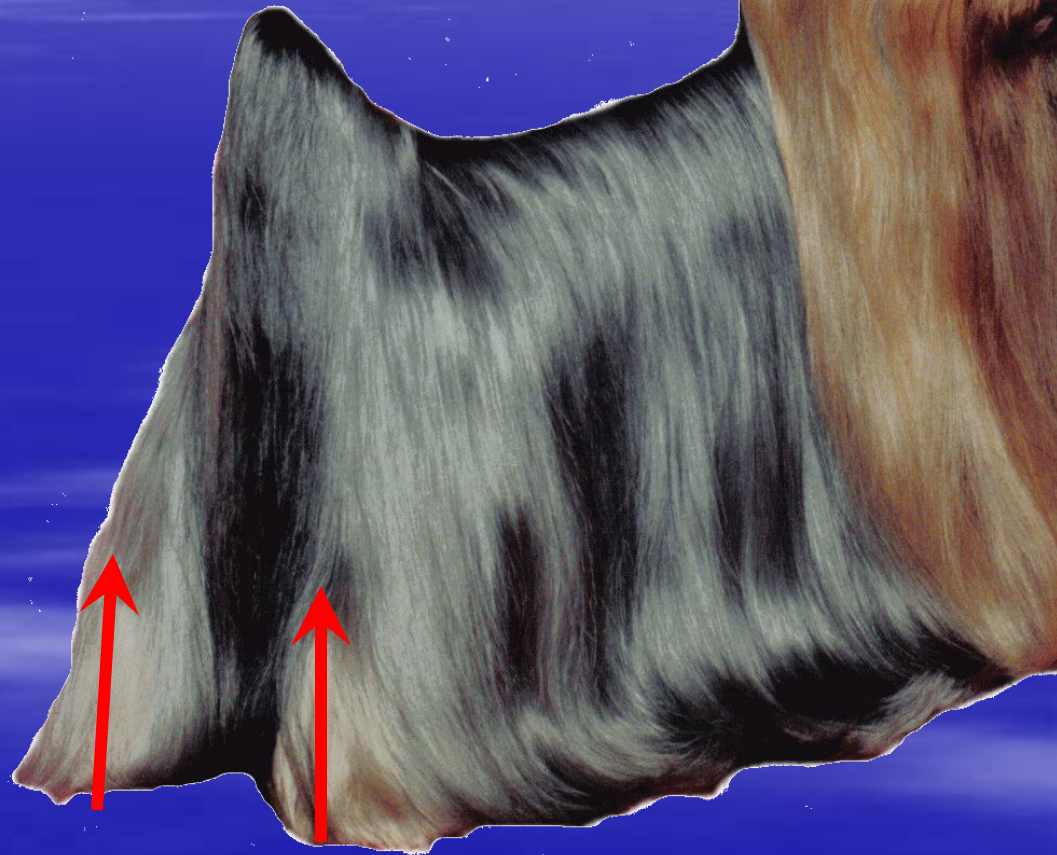
BODY

- The Yorkshire Terrier is a sound well balanced, compact, neat, square appearing dog. For the Yorkie to carry his head proudly, his neck is of moderate length. Neither an overly long or extremely short neck is desirable.
- The Yorkshire Terrier has a straight, level back from the withers to the set-on tail. A sloping croup is undesirable.
- Weight: A Yorkie which appears overly large or has the slightest trace of coarseness is undesirable.

LEGS AND FEET

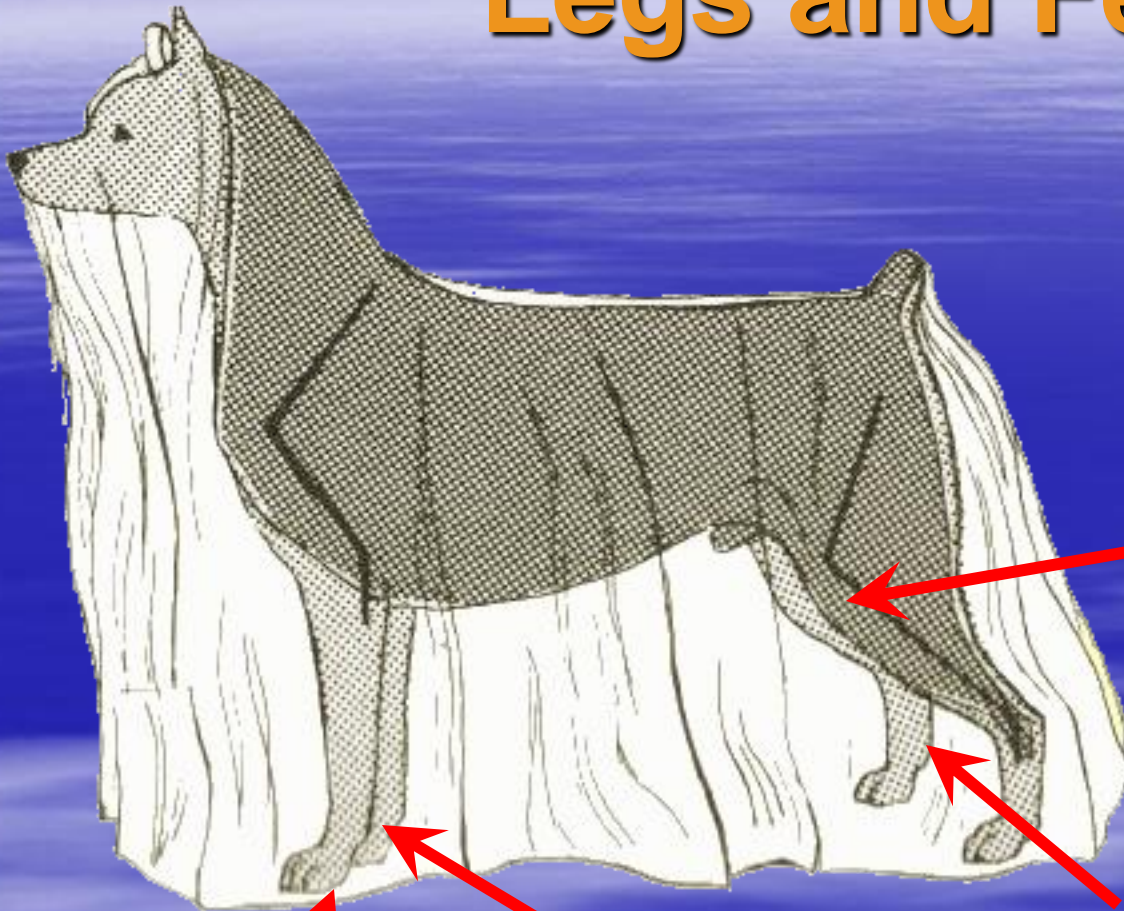


Forelegs should be straight,
elbows neither in nor out



Hind legs straight when
viewed from behind

Legs and Feet



but stifles are moderately bent when viewed from the sides.

Feet are round with black toenails.

Dew claws on the forelegs may be removed

Dew claws, if any, are generally removed from the hind legs.



TAIL

Docked to a medium length and carried slightly higher than the level of the back.

COAT

Quality, texture and quantity of coat are of prime importance. Hair is glossy, fine and silky in texture. Coat on the body is moderately long and perfectly straight (not wavy). It may be trimmed to floor length to give ease of movement and a neater appearance, if desired. The fall on the head is long, tied with one bow in center of head or parted in the middle and tied with two bows. Hair on muzzle is very long. Hair should be trimmed short on tips of ears and may be trimmed on feet to give them a neat appearance.

DISCUSSION

COLOR

A Yorkshire Terrier has shaded tan (GOLD). This means the gold hairs are darker at the roots, shading to a lighter color in the middle and still lighter at the tips. The much sought after gold is a fine structure. It is a BRIGHT, REFLECTIVE, BRILLIANT color and will reflect light.



COLORS

Puppies are born black and tan and are normally darker in body color, showing an intermingling of black hair in the tan until they are matured.







COLORS

Color of hair on body and richness of tan on head and legs are of prime importance in ADULT DOGS, to which the following color requirements apply:



BLUE: Is a dark steel blue, not a silver blue and not mingled with fawn, bronzy or black hairs.

COLOR PROGRESSION



6 Months



16 Months



2 1/2 Years



COLORS



TAN: All tan hair is darker at the roots than in the middle, shading to still lighter tan at the tips. There should be no sooty or black hair intermingled with any of the tan.



COLOR ON BODY



The blue extends over the body from back of neck to root of tail. Hair on tail is a darker blue, especially at end of tail.



HEAD AND FALL

with ears a
deep rich
tan

A rich golden
tan, deeper in
color at sides of
head

Tan color should not extend down on
back of neck

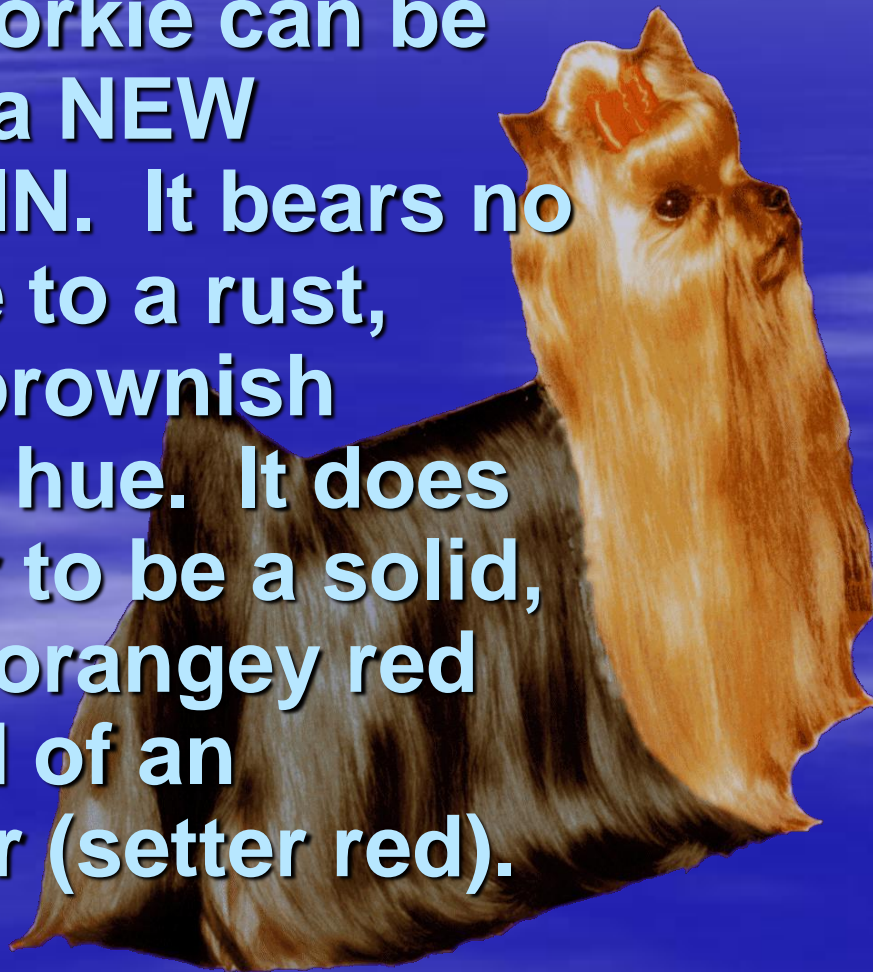


at ear roots

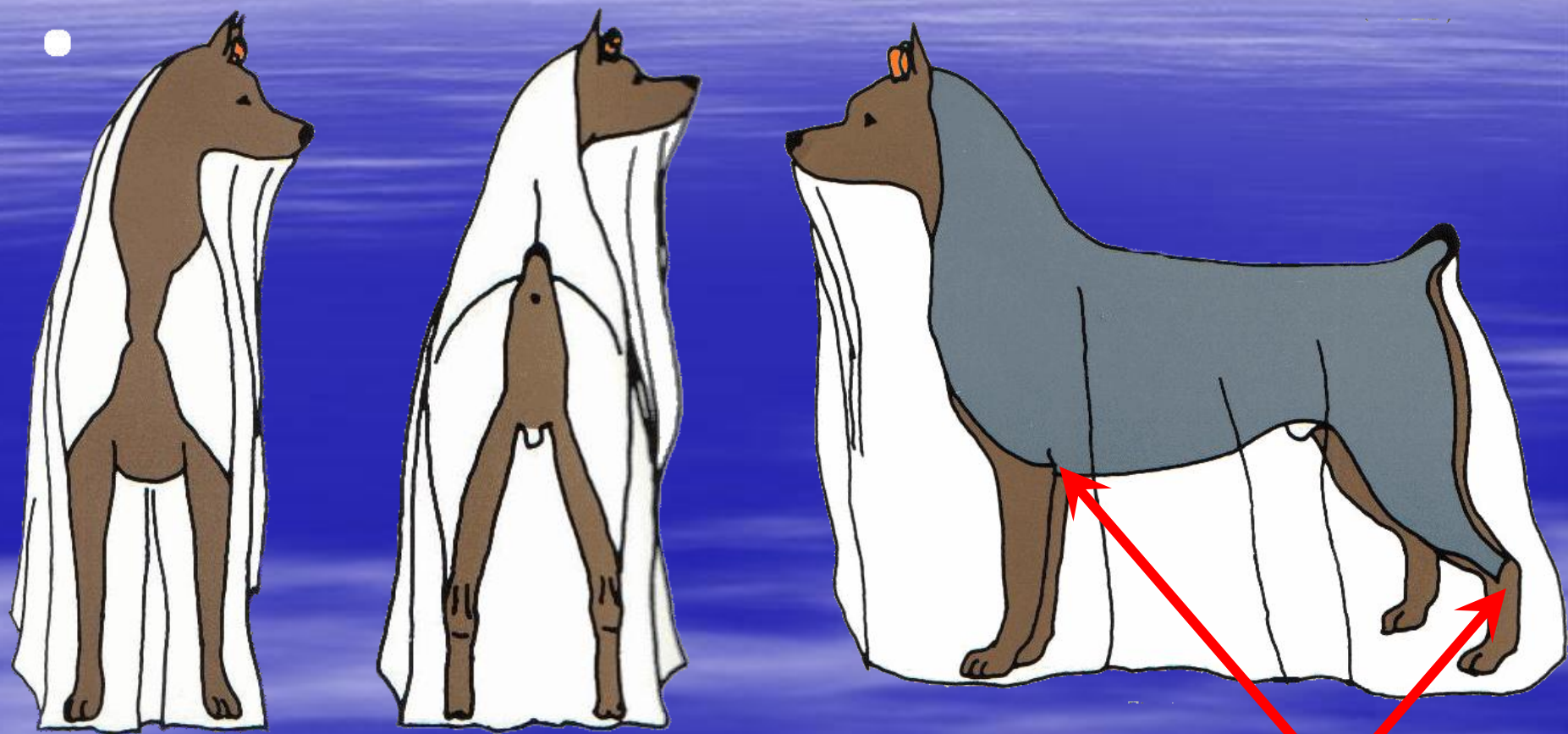
and on the muzzle

DISCUSSION COLOR

The **QUALITY** of gold on the ideal Yorkie can be likened to a **NEW GOLD COIN**. It bears no semblance to a rust, ginger or brownish mahogany hue. It does not appear to be a solid, unshaded orangey red nor the red of an Irish setter (setter red).



COLOR – CHEST & LEGS



A bright, rich tan, not extending above the elbow on the forelegs nor above the stifle on the hind legs.

DISCUSSION COLOR

Yorkies carrying a woolly or cottony black coat usually carry a pale, weak unshaded tan and are referred to as a “black and tan” (Yorkie).



DISCUSSION - COLOR

A “running color” will spoil an otherwise highly prized adult specimen of the breed. “Running color” means that the tan color markings as prescribed in the standard have exceeded their borders and the tan extension has given a fawn or bronzey appearance into the blue areas of the coat.

These “running tan”, fawn or bronzey areas can be observed below the occiput, around the tail set and the shoulder areas.

The front or the chest of a Yorkshire Terrier is all shaded gold. There are no sooty or visible dark hairs or any small “half circle” break from under chin to the chest.

DISCUSSION - MOVEMENT

He has a straight level back and carries himself in a self confident, sparkling and vigorous manner.

Side Movement



Front Movement



Rear Movement



DISCUSSION - MOVEMENT

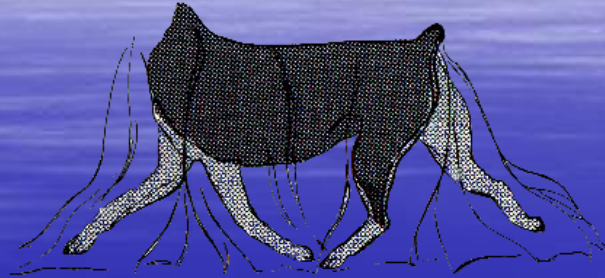


Fig. 30
GOOD MOVEMENT - SIDE

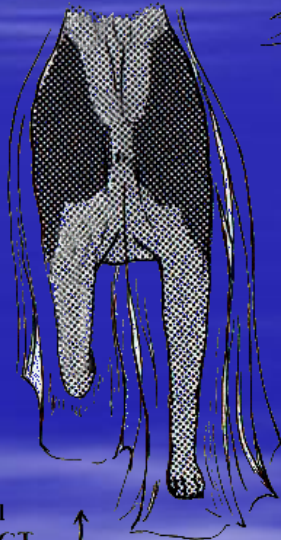


Fig. 31
CORRECT
MOVEMENT -
FRONT



Fig. 32
CORRECT
MOVEMENT
REAR

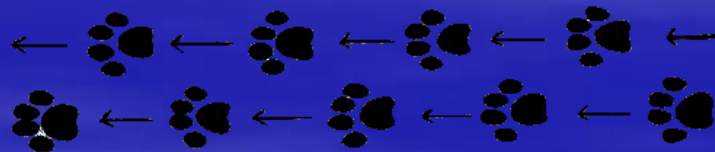


Fig. 33
CORRECT MOVEMENT

WEIGHT



A Yorkie which appears overly large or had the slightest trace of coarseness is undesirable.
Must not exceed seven pounds.

REMEMBER

An adult Yorkshire Terrier, when shown in the picture as prescribed by the standard, has a totally clean golden tan coat and fall that is "a rich, warm color" at sides of the head and muzzle, with

IT IS COMPLETELY FREE OF ANY REMAINING
BLACK OR SOOTY GRAY HAIR LEFT FROM
PUPPY HOOD.





DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Any solid color or combination of colors other than the blue and tan as described above.
- Any white markings other than a small white spot on the forechest that does not exceed 1 inch at its longest dimension.

DISQUALIFY

- Solid color dogs such as a solid color gold or solid color chocolate
- A chocolate and tan dog or other unusual combination of colors
- A white dog with black and tan markings (parti-color)

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Thank YOU!!!



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