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Official Standard of the Biewer Terrier

General Appearance: The Biewer Terrier is an elegant, longhaired, tri-colored toy terrier with a distinctive, breed signature ponytail. The coat parts down the middle, hanging straight and evenly on both sides of the body. The back is level, with the height at the withers equal to the height at the croup. The body length is slightly longer than tall, although square is acceptable. The tail is set high and carried well-arched over the body, covered with a long, flowing plume. The Biewer Terrier is alert and eager.

Size, Proportion, Substance: The height at the withers is equal to the height at the croup, measuring 8 to 10 inches. The body length, measured from the prosternum to the ischium, is slightly longer than the height, although a square proportion is acceptable. The body is fine to medium-boned with a level topline. Serious fault – Height over 11 inches.

Head: The *expression* is engaging, bright and intelligent. The *eyes* are medium sized, dark, and expressive, with the iris as dark as possible, showing no flecks of blue. The *ears* are small, erect, V-shaped, set high and moderately wide, covered with hair except for the tips which are shaved. The *skull* is slightly rounded, and the *muzzle* is one-third the length of the head. The skull and muzzle are on parallel planes and meet at a moderate stop. The eye rims, nose, or lips are all completely black. The ideal *bite* is scissor, although a level bite is also acceptable. Serious fault - Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose, or lips; ears not standing erect. Disqualifications - Blue eye(s) or blue flecks in the iris; liver pigmentation of eye rims or nose.

Neck, Topline and Body: The *neck* is of moderate length. The backline is level. The *body* is slightly longer than tall, off square, although square is acceptable. The chest reaches the elbows, and the ribs are moderately sprung. The underline is slightly tucked up. The loin is well-developed and strong. The *tail* is set high when in motion, is carried in a well-arched position over the body, covered with a long, flowing plume. Serious faults - High in the front or rear, roach or rounded back.

Forequarters: The forelegs should be straight, with elbows neither in nor out, set close to the body. The shoulders are well angulated and laid back, the upper arm should be of equal length as the shoulder laid with good return, allowing for good reach and freedom of movement. The legs are straight and muscular, and the pasterns are upright and straight. Dewclaws may be removed. The feet are round, with toes well arched and covered in hair that is trimmed to neither impede movement nor obscure the shape of the foot. The pads can be black, flesh-colored, or a combination of both, while the nails can be black and/or white.

Hindquarters: The hindquarters are well-balanced with the forequarters, and the rear angulation matches the front. The hind legs are straight and muscular when viewed from behind with well-bent stifles. The hocks are short, well let down and straight when viewed from behind, neither turned in nor out. Dewclaws may be removed. The feet are round, with toes well arched and covered with hair that is trimmed to neither impede movement nor obscure the shape of the foot. The pads can be black, flesh-colored, or a combination of both, while the nails can be black and/or white.

Coat: The coat is long and flowing with a silky, smooth texture. It is straight, without an undercoat, and hangs close to the ground, if not touching it. The coat may be trimmed to floor length for ease of movement. The fall on the head is tied in a single fall, finished simply and adorned with a single bow. Excessive grooming on the head, such as ratting, teasing, or roll-overs common to other breeds, shall be so severely penalized as to be eliminated from



competition. The feet are trimmed for a neat, clean appearance, and the hair around the anus is trimmed. Eliminating faults - Head falls that display ratting, teasing or roll overs common to other breeds.

Color: The Biewer Terrier is defined by the placement of tan on the head. The ideal head coloring is black or blue, tan, and white in good symmetry. However, any combination of the following two color patterns – Black or blue with tan, or tan and white – is acceptable. The chin and throat should be white. Disqualification – A head lacking tan. Body Coloring - Body coloring is black or blue and white; a solid dog of either color is undesirable. The chest, legs, and tip of the tail should be white. The white on the chest must extend up the neck to the chin. The legs must be white from the elbows and stifles to the feet. A small amount of tan hair may be found around the anus, and trace amounts of tan or black may appear at the elbow, stifle, or on the feet. Any deviation from this is undesirable. Disqualification – Any color other than the tri-colored pattern described above.

Gait: The Biewer Terrier moves confidently with a high head carriage. The movement should be graceful, smooth and straightforward. When viewed from the side, the backline remains level. The hind legs should track in line with the front legs, moving neither inward nor outward. The tail is carried in a well-arched position over the body while in motion. Serious Fault - Hackneyed gait.

Temperament: Intelligent and loyal, they are affectionate and playful, making them excellent companions and family dogs.

The foregoing description represents the ideal Biewer Terrier. Any deviation from the described standard should be penalized in proportion to the extent of the deviation.

Serious Faults: Height over 11 inches; High in front or rear; Incomplete pigment on the eye rims, nose or lips; ears not standing erect; Hackneyed gait.

Eliminating Faults: Head falls that display ratting, teasing, or roll overs common to other breeds.

Disqualifications: *A head without tan; any color other than the tri-colored pattern described above; Blue eye(s) or blue flecks in the iris; liver pigmentation of eye rims or nose.*

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