

## Australian Terrier (AKC)

**Characteristics:** Sturdy, low set dog of medium bone, rather long bodied in proportion to height. Alert, intelligent, keen and rugged.

**Ears:** Small, erect, pointed; set high on skull well apart. Hair on ears kept very short.

**Skull:** Long and flat, slightly longer than wide. Full between eyes, with slight but definite stop.

**Head:** long and strong. Length of muzzle equal to length of skull.

**Eyes:** Small, dark brown to black. Rims are black, oval in shape.

**Nose:** Black, inverted V-shaped.

**Muzzle:** Strong & powerful with slight fill under eyes. Not snippy. Jaws powerful.

**Bite:** Scissors with teeth of good size.

**Chest:** slightly below the elbows with a distinct keel. Ruff collar that stands out from neck.

**Coat:** Color Blue/Tan or Red  
**Outer coat:** Harsh and straight; 2 ½" all over body, except tail, pasterns, rear legs from hocks down and feet.

**Undercoat:** Short and soft.  
**Furnishings:** Softer than body coat. Neck well furnished with hair.

**Topknot:** Finer texture, lighter shade of color.

**Size, Proportion & Substance:** Height 10-11" at the withers. Length of back from withers to front of tail is approx. 1-1 ½" longer than height.

**Neck:** Long, slightly arched and strong, blending smoothly into well laid-back shoulders.

**Shoulders:** Long blades, well laid back.

**Loin:** Strong & fairly short with slight tuck-up.

**Topline:** Level and Firm. Remains firm without bounce when moving.

**Tail:** Set on high and carried erect at a twelve to one o'clock position, in balance with the overall dog, a good hand-hold when mature, docked leaving slightly less than one half, or undocked from straight to curved forward. The tail set is of primary importance.

**Hindquarters:** Strong, legs well angulated at the stifles and hocks. Upper and lower thighs well muscled.

**Gait:** Move in planes parallel to centerline of travel. Rear foot moves into track of front foot.

**Faults:** Cobbliness, too long in loin. Down on pasterns, lack of muscles, black coat as an adult, tan smut in body of blue coat, or dark smut in red coat or any white markings on legs or chest. Shyness or aggressiveness toward people.

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