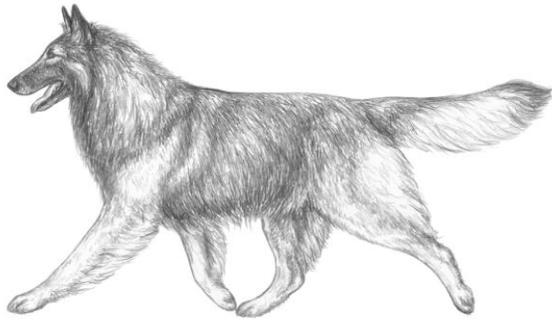


## Temperament

- Approachable and watchful
- Intelligent and alert
- No fear or shyness

## Movement

- Single tracks at a fast gait
- Full front and rear extension
- Lively and light



## Disqualifications

- Males under 23", over 26.5"
- Females under 21", over 24.5"
- Hanging ears
- Undershot bite such that there is a complete loss of contact by all the incisors
- Cropped or stump tail
- Solid black, solid liver, or any area of white except as specified on the chest, tips of toes, chin & muzzle.

## Quick Review

- Silhouette: Square, elegant
- Gait: Effortless, efficient, balanced, moderate
- Temperament: Watchful, confident, alert, stable
- Head: Clean, chisled, parallel planes, balanced proportions
- Expression: Intelligent, kind, questioning
- Coat/color: Double coated, medium-harsh, warm/rich hues, black overlay, black mask

*A judge must learn to be forgiving in the sense that each fault seen be put into perspective, considering the entire dog and the degree the fault may affect his ability to herd. It is our desire that a judge be able to recognize outstanding quality and breed type when it is presented in the ring. Judge positively.*



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***"The first impression of the Belgian Tervuren is that of a well-balanced, medium size dog, elegant in appearance, standing squarely on all fours, with proud carriage of head and neck. He is strong, agile, well-muscled, alert and full of life. The Belgian Tervuren is a natural dog...."***

## General Appearance

- Square
- Medium-sized, balanced
- Elegant, natural
- Depth & solidity without bulkiness



Male



Female

## Size, Proportion, Substance

- Males 24-26", Females 22-24"
- Body: square (point of shoulder to point of rump)
- Bone: medium

## Head

- Skull & muzzle of equal length
- Width of topkull: approximately equal but not wider than length
- Head planes parallel, flat backskull
- Stop: moderate
- Eyes: dark brown, slightly almond
- Ears: High-set, triangular
- Pigment: eye rims, nose & outside of lips are black
- Teeth: scissors or level, full dentition



## Neck, Topline, Body

- Neck: rather long, elegant, arched
- Topline: level, straight, firm
- Croup: medium long
- Chest: deep, reaching to elbow
- Abdomen: well-sprung ribs, flattened on the sides
- Tail: reaches hock, in action, raised to level with topline

## Forequarters & Hindquarters

- Shoulders: 45 degree layback
- Forearms: long, well muscled
- Legs: straight, parallel
- Pasterns: slightly bent
- Bone: oval
- Hindlegs: powerful without heaviness
- Stifles: clearly defined
- Hocks: moderately bent, short metatarsi
- Feet: front rounded, cat-like, rear slightly elongated, well-padded

## Coat

- Texture: medium-harsh, not wavy, weather-resistant
- Undercoat: dense
- Guard hair: long, close-fitting, straight
- Female coat: not as long or as ornamented as males

## Color

- Body: rich fawn to russet mahogany with black overlay is ideal & preferred. Predominate color that is pale, washed out, cream or gray is a fault.
- Chest: mixture of gray to black, allowing a single white patch, not to extend more than 3" above the prosternum, nor to reach either point of shoulder.
- Face: black mask, mostly black ears