

National Tenterfield Terrier Council. Standard changes approved October 2014.

Tail		
<i>Previous Wording</i>	<i>New Wording</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
<p>Docked: Docked at the 3rd joint. Sometimes an undocked bob tail occurs. High set and erect when alert, but not carried over the back. Carried gaily, showing bold temperament.</p> <p>Undocked: Of moderate length, to give balance to dog. High set and erect when alert, but not carried over the back. Carried gaily, showing bold temperament</p>	<p>Traditionally Docked.</p> <p>Undocked: Tails can be of varying lengths. Bob tails often occur.</p> <p>High set and erect when alert. Carried gaily, showing bold temperament.</p>	<p>We feel the new wording is more clarifying and concise overall and that it is not necessary to repeat the same passages twice.</p> <p>We discussed the term 'Gay Tail' which according to the ANKC glossary of canine terms is "The tail carried very high or over dog's back. A term sometimes used when a tail is carried higher than the carriage approved in the breed standard". The current wording has both 'not carried over the back'....and "carried gaily", which are contradictory according to the Gay Tail definition. Since docking has discontinued, we have found many dogs with a full or a longer bob tail do carry their tail over the back. We feel this is acceptable as long as it is not carried over the horizontal line of the back. Therefore we think "Not carried over the back" should be removed.</p> <p>As bob tails of varying lengths occur the term "<i>Undocked: Of moderate length to give balance to dog</i>" could be interpreted as preferring dogs with a certain length of tail. Judges may have differing opinions of how they see the tail balancing the dog. Also, it was explained that 'carried over the back' means the tail does not come vertical at all, it just lays flat on the back. Therefore the length of the bob tail has been removed.</p> <p>Our originally suggested natural bob tail wording not correct as according to ANKC definition a bob tail means no tail, ie what NTTTC call a 'rumpy'.</p>
Colour		
<i>Previous Wording</i>	<i>New Wording</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
<p>Predominantly white with black, liver and/or tan markings in its various tones. Tri colouring is common (i.e. white with black markings and tan cheeks and/or tan above eyes and/or tan breeches). Brindle markings acceptable but not preferred. Full colour coats are not acceptable. Skin should always be pigmented.</p>	<p>Predominantly white coat with black, tan or liver markings of any shade.</p> <p>Tri colouring is common (i.e, white with black or white with liver markings and tan cheeks and/or tan above eyes and/or tan breeches).</p> <p>Brindle markings acceptable but not preferred. Full colour coats are not acceptable. Skin should always be pigmented.</p>	<p>Liver coloured dogs are presenting with tan markings also.</p>

Head and Skull

<i>Previous Wording</i>	<i>New Wording</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
Medium sized head in proportion to body. The head is only slightly rounded from ear to ear. Domed or apple heads are highly undesirable. When viewed from the front and side, head is to be wedge shaped and well filled in under the eyes. The stop to be moderate and when measured from that point to occiput it equals the distance from the stop to the tip of the nose with parallel planes. The colour of the nose is preferably black, with the exception of a true liver which will have a liver nose. There should be strength in the muzzle.	Medium sized head in proportion to body. The head is only slightly rounded from ear to ear. Domed or apple heads are highly undesirable. When viewed from the front and side, head is to be wedge shaped and well filled in under the eyes. The stop to be moderate and when measured from that point to occiput it equals the distance from the stop to the tip of the nose with parallel planes. The colour of the nose is preferably black, with the exception of a liver which will have a liver nose. There should be strength in the muzzle.	Remove the word 'true' (redundant).

Eyes

<i>Previous Wording</i>	<i>New Wording</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
Not large, protruding or round, but slightly oval in shape. As dark as possible with a keen expression and pigmented eye rims. Light eyes and wall eyes are to be discouraged.	Not large, protruding or round, but slightly oval in shape. Dark preferred but may bear some relation to coat colour, with pigmented eye rims and a keen expression. Wall eyes are to be discouraged.	Slight change to allow for the presence of lighter eyes occurring in Liver coloured dogs.