

THE BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER STANDARD 2008

Standard FCI # 327

New edition for recognition by the FCI.

The standard was accepted by the RKF in August, 19, 2008.

Country of origin: Russia

Utilization: working dog, guarding dog, sporting dog, companion dog.

FCI classification:

Group II-Pinscher and Schnauzer - Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs

Section II.I-Pinscher and Schnauzer type

Section II.I.IV-Black Russian Terrier

Working trials are desirable.

Brief history:

Black Russian Terrier (BRT) was created in Russia in the end of 1940s and the start of 1950s years of the 20th century by selective interbreeding of many breeds, including Rottweiler, Giant Schnauzer, Airedale Terrier and Newfoundland.

The Giant Schnauzer is considered to be the ancestor of the breed.

The breed was developed by the military cynological school which was based on the kennel named "Red Star," outside of Moscow.

The aim of the creators of the breed was development of large, brave, strong and manageable dog with a very pronounced guarding instinct; a dog which could be useful for many services and adapts well to various climatic conditions.

The breed was recognized by the FCI in the year 1984.

General Appearance: The Black Russian Terrier (BRT) is a large size, very athletically built dog, slightly longer in body, robust coarse type. The BRT has such qualities as massive bone and powerful muscles. Symmetrical. The BRT distinguishes itself with a large head and compact body with a big voluminous and deep chest.

Important proportions: height for dogs is 72-76cm (28.4-30inches) and for bitches is 68-72cm (26.8- 28.4inches). The length of the body exceeds height in the withers at dogs no more than 6 %, bitches no more than 8 %. Depth of chest should not be less than 50% of the height of the dog at the withers.

Length of head should not be less than 40% of the height of the dog at the withers.

The muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull.

Temperament and behavior:

The BRT is a dignified and confident dog; well controlled in all circumstances. When the situation requires, the BRT immediately assumes an active-defensive posture, however, quickly calms down at the disappearance of danger. It is handsome and amiable, with excellent health, has great endurance, is undemanding, smart and friendly. The BRT adapts well to various climatic conditions, it is easy to train, hard working and reliable.

