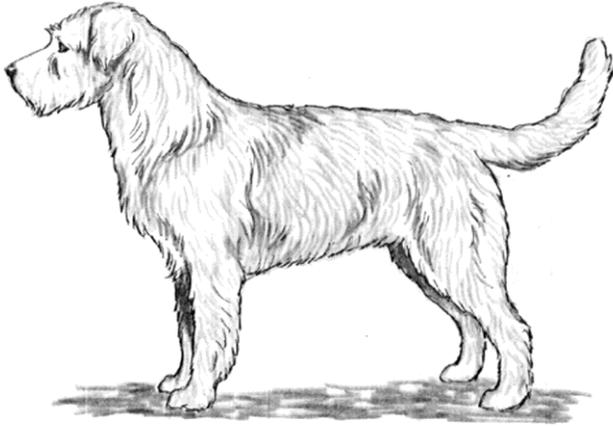


# DUTCH SMOUSHOND

## Official UKC Breed Standard

Terrier Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

### HISTORY

The exact origins of the Smoushond are unknown. The breed was popular in the late 1800's as a gentleman's companion, but World War II pushed it near extinction. In the 1970's a Mrs. H.M. Barkman began collecting information on the breed and was able to recreate it through selective breeding. Today it breeds true for both type and temperament. The breed is hardly known outside of the Netherlands.

The Dutch Smoushond was recognized by the United Kennel Club in 2006.

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

Rough coated, lively, active and squarely built, formerly known as a gentleman's stable dog or coach dog.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Affectionate, gay and friendly, the breed makes an excellent companion.

### HEAD

The head is a breed typical feature. Seen from above it is broad and short.

**SKULL** - The skull is slightly domed, and the forehead is slightly rounded. The stop is distinct.

**MUZZLE** - The muzzle is one half the length of the skull, with full, strong jaws. The lips are thin and tight and have black rims.

**TEETH** - The Dutch Smoushond has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors, level or slightly undershot bite.

**NOSE** - Black and broad.

**EYES** - The eyes are large, dark and round, with dark rims and a friendly, lively expression.

**EARS** - The ears are high set and drop, with the front edge close to the cheeks. They are small, thin and triangular with slightly rounded tips.

### NECK

Short and muscular.

### FOREQUARTERS

The forequarters are moderately angulated.

**FORELEGS** - Straight, not too close together, fairly well under the body, with strong, oval bone.

### BODY

The body must give the impression of sturdiness. Both ranginess and coarseness are frowned upon. The chest is broad and not unduly deep, with well sprung ribs. The back is broad, muscular and straight. The loin is slightly arched, and the croup is well muscled. There is very little tuck up.

### HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are moderately angulated, strong and muscular.

**HIND LEGS** - The hocks are well let down.

### FEET

Round, neat and small, with dark nails.

### TAIL

Undocked, rather short and carried gaily, but not curled over the back.

### COAT

The coat is a very important feature. On the body, it is coarse, wiry, harsh and straight, and has an unkempt appearance. It is 1.5 to 2.5 inches long. There is

sufficient undercoat. Any tendency to mat is a serious fault. A part down the middle of the back indicates that the coat is too long and soft. On the legs, the coat is medium length and not dense, pointing backwards, suggesting feathering. A dense, woolly coat all over the legs that hides the outline is a fault. The coat on the tail is bushy without fringe. On the head the coat is wiry like on the body, but slightly shorter. The eyebrows should not hide the eyes and there should not be a topknot or a part on the head. The hair on the ears is shorter.

### **COLOR**

Self-colored yellow in all shades, with a preference for dark straw color. Ears, moustache, beard and eyebrows may be a darker shade than the rest of the coat.

*Disqualification: Any color other than yellow.*

### **HEIGHT AND WEIGHT**

Height at the withers is between 14 and 16.5 inches.

Weight is 20 to 22 pounds.

### **GAIT**

Not mentioned in FCI standard.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

*(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)*

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Any color other than yellow.