



The Canadian Cairn Terrier Standard History

The Cairn Terrier standard initially fell under the country of origin standard (U.K. Kennel club standard), when Cairns were first imported to Canada and the USA .

1921- the first Canadian and American standard came into existence

1925/1926- ideal weight revisions were made to the Canadian standard

1928/29- General Appearance "slightly changed."

1933- Major changes were made to the American and Canadian standard, and for the first time diverged substantially from the country of origin.

Ideal heights, weights, and proportions were added

2006- CKC adoption of The Kennel Club (UK) 1984 breed standard in Canada

Notes

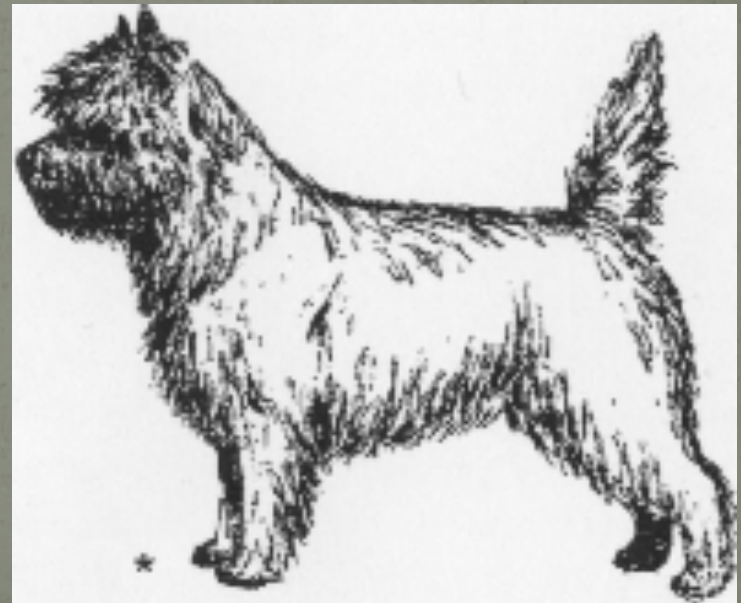
The American standard has not changed materially since 1933. It is the only country in the world with a different standard for the Cairn Terrier , the rest of the world adopts the Country of Origin standard.

The biggest difference between the standards is size and weight,



The Cairn Terrier is an active, game, athletic, hardy and workmanlike terrier.

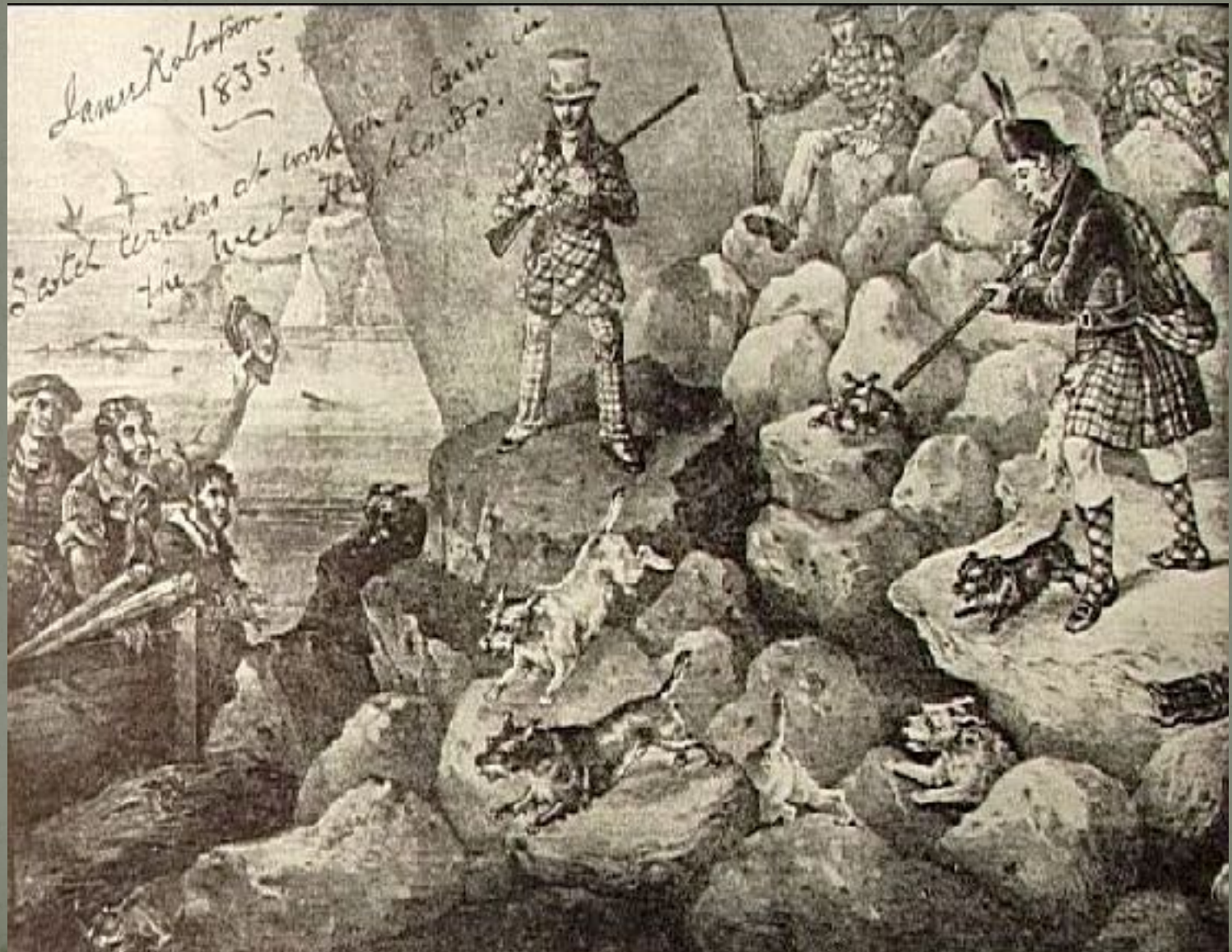
Agile, alert of workmanlike, natural appearance. Standing well forward on forepaws. Strong quarters. Deep in rib, very free in movement. Weather-resistant coat.



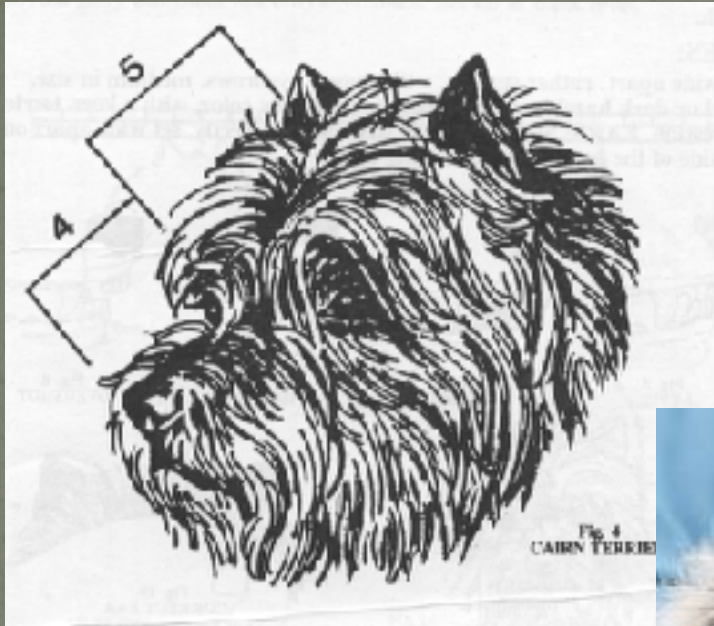
Bred to work in the Rugged Western Highlands



Working a Cairn in the Western Highlands 1835



HEAD



Skull Broad, decided indentation between the eyes, with definite stop.
Muzzle powerful, jaw strong - not long or heavy

EARS: Small, pointed, well carried and erect, not too closely set. The ears are set high on the outer edge of the skull with the top 1 / 3 free of long

hair



correct



too wide



too narrow *

EYES: Wide apart, medium in size, dark hazel. Slightly sunk with shaggy eyebrows.

Note: Ears too close and eyes too close often mean the head is narrow

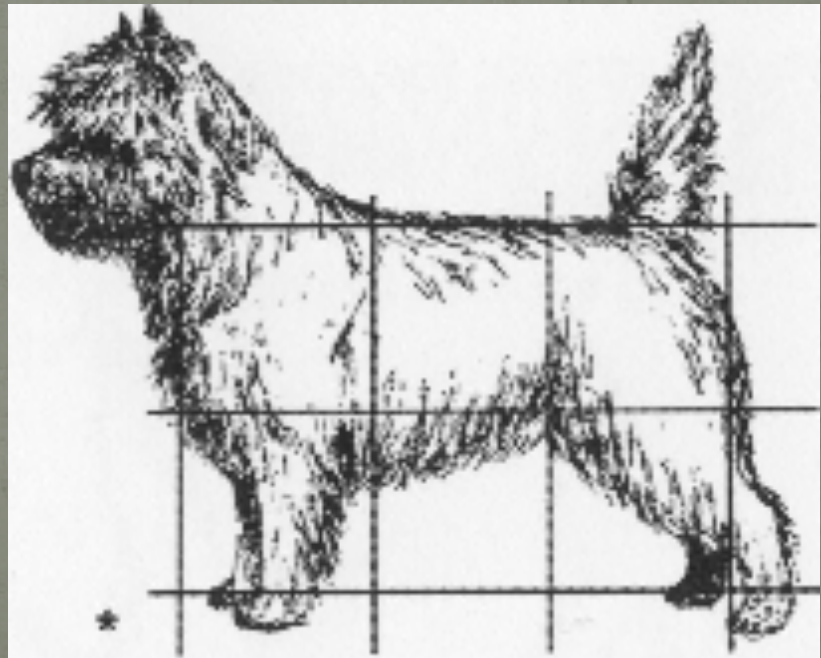
EXAMPLES OF GOOD CAIRN HEADS



SIZE AND PROPORTION

The Cairn is a rectangular dog
Prosternum to ischium = 1.5 X height
at withers

SIZE:
28-31 cm (11-12 ins) at the withers,
but in proportion to weight
. 6-7.5 kgs (14-16 lbs) ideally







Correct



Too Long



Too Short

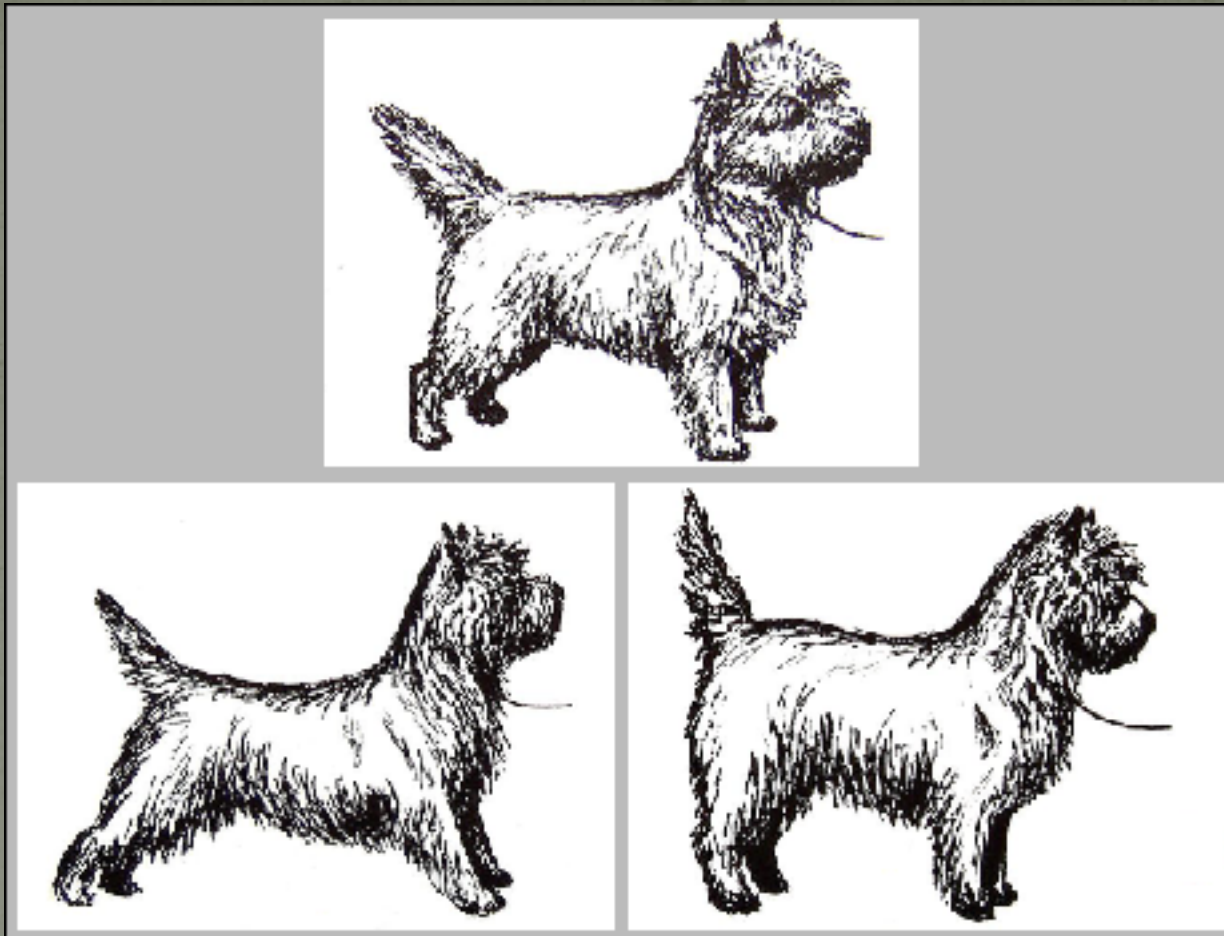
This is a rectangular dog with sufficient length of back and leg to perform his original function.

Back level of medium length

Well sprung ribs, strong, supple, short loin

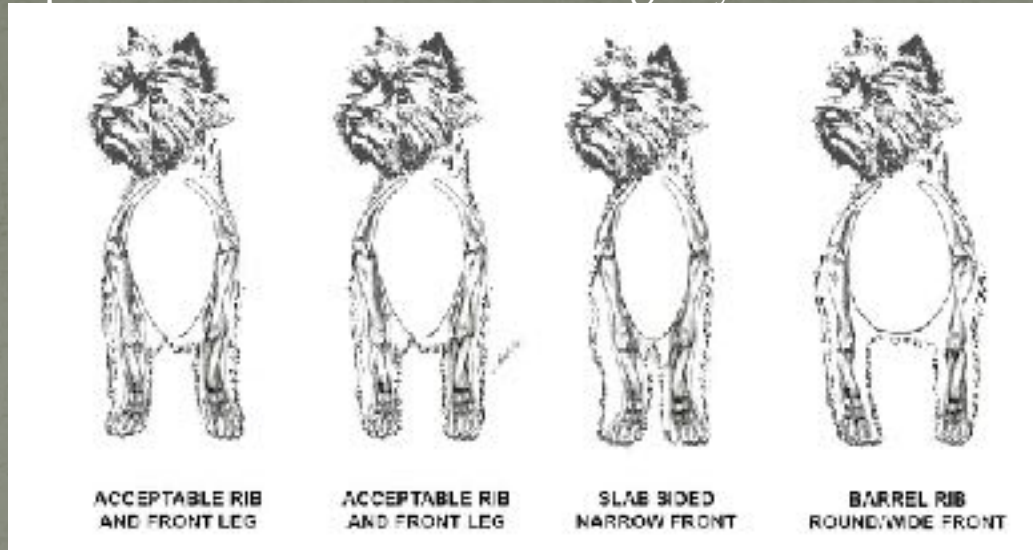
Medium bone, compact strength and activity without heaviness

Moderate angulation: Not extreme or exaggerated

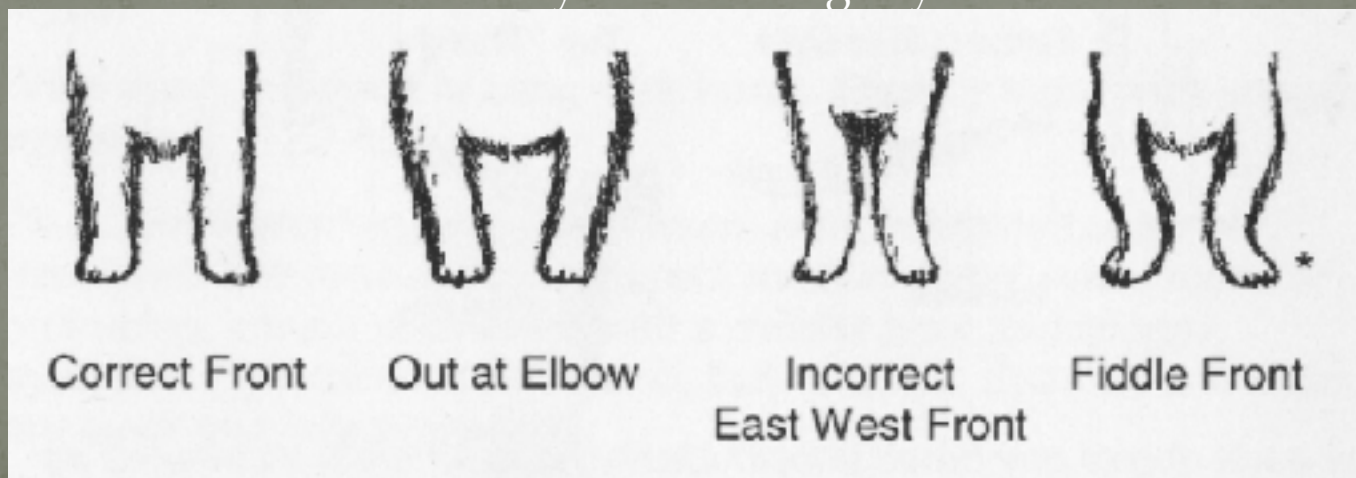


1. Free showing Cairn balanced in front and rear, standing well over the frontlegs
2. No forechest, also stretched out behind, making the topline drop
3. The Cairn pulls up the underline due incorrect angulation in the rear, making the hindleg longer, and the dog looks high in rear

Ribs are well sprung, deep and heart shaped
Depth of chest even with or slightly below the elbow



Front legs are straight of medium bone, pastern slightly sloped.
Feet may turn out slightly





*Correct parallel
hindquarters with low
hocks.*



*Cowhocked hindquarters,
feet turned out and hocks
turned in.*



*Narrow hindquarters,
many times not seen
when standing but in
movement.*



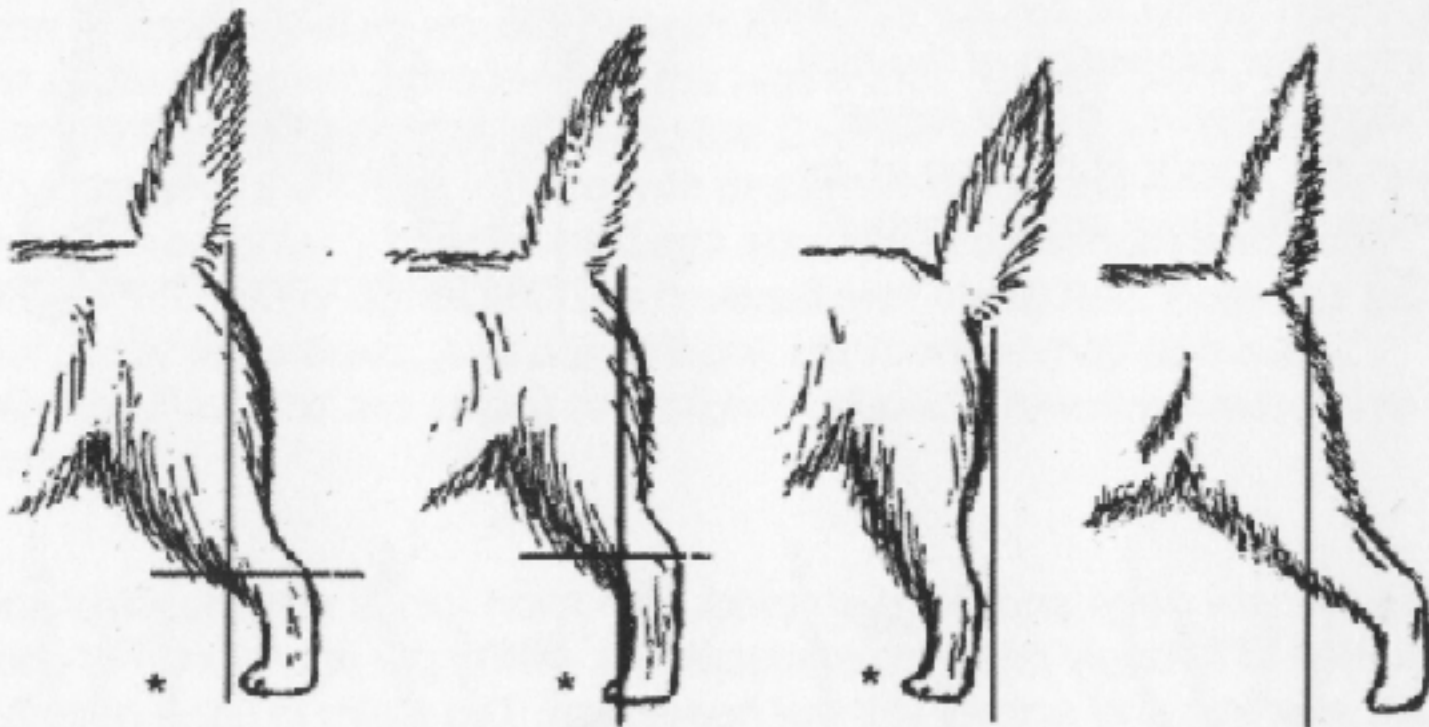
*Wide and too rounded
hindquarters. Feet
turned inwards in
movement.*



Correct Foot



Hare Foot



Correct

Hock Too Long

Lacking Bend
of Stifle

Over Angulated

Hindquarters very strong –
well muscled thigh with rear projection
beyond the tail set.



Correct Tail Set



Gay Tail



Low Tail Set

Length of tail = height of ears

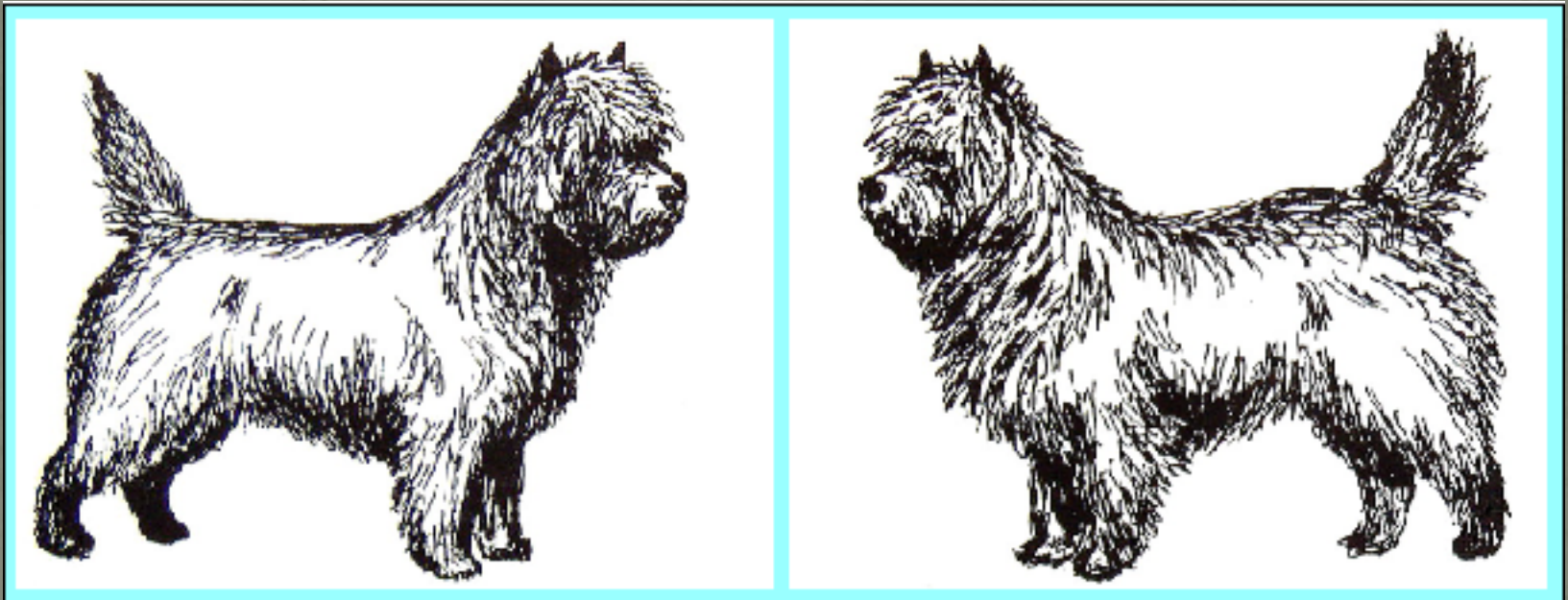
Tail is set high and on a level with the back

May be carried from 12 – 2 o'clock

COAT: **Very important**, weather resistant, double coated, profuse, harsh but not coarse outer coat: undercoat short, soft, close. Slight wave is permissible.



groomed versus ungroomed





Color: Cream, wheaten, red, grey, or nearly black. Brindling in all these acceptable. Not solid black or white or black & tan. Dark points typical

Movement: Very free-flowing stride. Forelegs reaching well forward. Hind legs giving strong propulsion. Hocks neither too close nor too wide.



PUPPIES AND YOUTHS







CAIRNS IN ACTION



