



The Scottish Terrier Club of America Officers and Directors wish to reiterate and re-confirm for all judges the proper breed specific examination of the Scottish Terrier. We request that all judges of the Scottish Terrier follow both the AKC protocol for judging and the breed specific examination as described in our standard. **This is a table breed and should never be examined on the ground.** Proper examination is essential to your evaluation of the essential characteristics of the breed. The breed standard clearly identifies proper examination of some of the salient features of our breed. The standard is identified below in **bold print** and expected examination within the standard is **bold and underlined**.

**The muzzle should be approximately equal to the length of skull with only a slight taper to the nose. The muzzle should be well filled in under the eye, with no evidence of snippiness. A correct Scottish Terrier muzzle should fill an average man's hand.**

Always approach from the front of the dog and reach out and cup the head underneath the muzzle at the same time determining its strength and for a punishing, strong underjaw. Feel under the hair to determine that there is true fill below the dark, almond, wide-set eyes. Never grab the muzzle from the top nor pull on the beard.



**The chest should not be flat or concave and the brisket should nicely fill an average man's slightly-cupped hand.** While at the front of the dog bring your cupped open hand on the chest feeling for the required forechest and prosternum then drop your fingers straight down between the legs to ascertain the relative straightness and width of the forelegs



**The lowest point of the brisket should be such that an average man's fist would fit under it with little or no overhead clearance.** Judges should feel for the chest which is described as “**broad, very deep and well let down between the forelegs**”. It is a heart-shaped (not slab-sided or barrel-shaped) chest in cross section tapering to a point and dropping down **BELOW** the elbow.” To properly examine a dog according to the standard the judge should therefore measure width and depth by actually placing his fist under the dog. You may prefer to do this measure from the side just behind the front leg at the deepest rib. If you are tall enough to do so from the front make sure that you do not to place your face in the dog’s and go back to the lowest point under the brisket.



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