

DISQUALIFICATION DIRECTIVE

TO: AKC Judges, AKC Judging Operations
FROM: Yorkshire Terrier Club of America Board of Directors
DATE: September 26, 2007

SUBJECT:

Clarification of the Yorkshire Terrier DQ to be initiated on October 1, 2007

The Disqualification reads as follows:

Any solid color or combination of colors other than blue and tan as described above.

Any white markings other than a small white spot on the forechest that does not exceed 1 inch at its longest dimension.

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DIRECTIVE:

The new Disqualification is an ADDITION to the Yorkshire Terrier Breed Standard. It is there to disqualify Yorkshire Terriers with colors OTHER THAN those as described in our Breed Standard. The American Kennel Club is registering parti-colors, solid colors, and chocolate and tan dogs as Yorkshire Terriers even though they do not meet our Breed Standard as written. AKC will not deny registration on color alone. These dogs have been shown at AKC matches and non-AKC events. Immature dogs not having a totally clear tan or immature dogs that are not yet totally blue are acceptable under our Breed Standard and should NOT be disqualified. To do so would be a misinterpretation of the Disqualification AND of the Breed Standard.

The Yorkshire Terrier whose coat is of prime importance has a slow metamorphosis from the black and tan puppy to the blue and tan adult. Some of these dogs take three or more years for their coat to mature; therefore our YTCA Members chose NOT to specify an age for color maturity. Only dogs of solid color, unusual combination of colors, and parti-colors should be disqualified.

In summary:

DISQUALIFY –

- Solid color dogs such as a solid color gold or solid color chocolate
- A chocolate and tan dog or other unusual combination of colors
- A white dog with black and tan markings (parti-color)

DO NOT DISQUALIFY –

- Puppies, Class dogs and young Champions whose tan has not yet totally cleared. This is typically seen around the head area where thumb prints may exist. Young Puppies may still have an intermingling of black hair in the tan.
- Puppies and young adults whose black body coat has not yet totally turned to blue.
- A dog that has a small white spot not to exceed 1 inch on the fore-chest.