

A schematic Miniature Schnauzer, illustrating ideal dimensions
(by Alan Bracken):

A: From ground to withers = 14" (35cm)

B: Body length (point of shoulder or prosternum to pelvic bone) = 14"

C: Length of neck & head (ie., from withers up over the occiput, straight to tip of nose & over to just above lip) = 14"

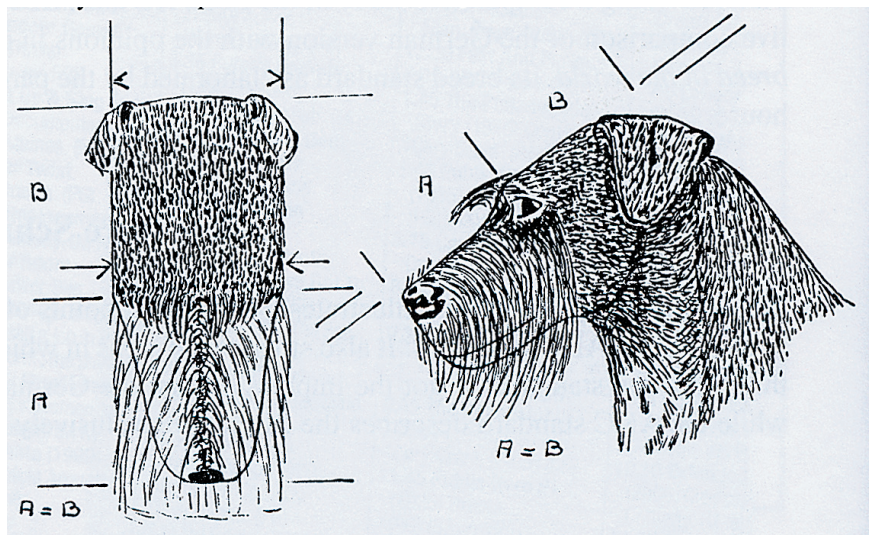
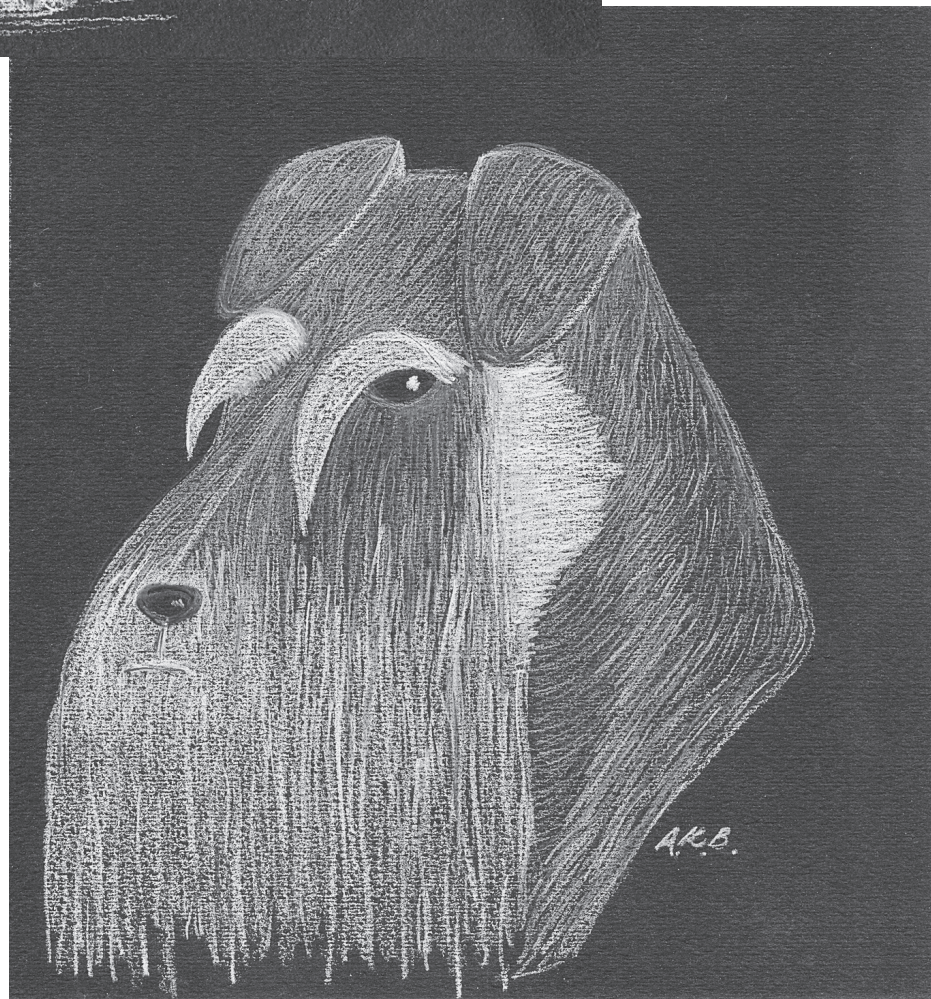
D: Line from stifle to toe is parallel to the upper neck line

E: Withers to tail-set = 1.5 X length of head (Mini & Std)

E: Withers to tail-set = 2 X length of head (Giant)

NOTE:

1. Neck length (withers to occipital bone) = head length
2. Head length = cranium (occipital bone to "stop" (eye-line)) + nose ("stop" to tip of nose)
3. A = B = C describes the perfect 'three-point-square' for a perfectly balanced Mini Schnauzer
4. Plane of cranium is almost parallel to ridge of nose in the Mini & Std, or is parallel in the Giant.



© From 'World of Schnauzers.' The narrowing of the head starts from the eyes toward a blunt nose. The distance from the top of the skull to the eyes is equal to the distance from the eyes to the tip of the muzzle. (a) Top view. (b) Side view.