



A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Smart, workmanlike, well balanced and compact.

CHARACTERISTICS

Affectionate, obedient and easily controlled.

TEMPERAMENT

Happy and volatile, rarely of shy nature. Game and fearless but definitely not aggressive although at all times able to hold his own when necessary.

HEAD & SKULL

Flat, of moderate width between ears. Jaws powerful, clean cut, rather deep and punishing. Stop not too defined, medium length from stop to end of nose. Nose black.

EYES

Relatively small, dark, expression indicative of temperament. A round, full eye undesirable.

EARS:

V shaped, small, leathers not too thin, set on fairly high, carried forward and close to cheek.

MOUTH

Jaws strong with perfect, regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK

Moderate length and thickness, slightly arched and sloping gracefully into shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders long, sloping and well set back. Legs straight and muscular, possessing ample bone, with upright and powerful pasterns.

BODY

Back short and well ribbed up, loin strong, good depth and moderate width of chest.

HINDQUARTERS

Strong, thighs muscular, of good length, with hocks well bent, well let down and with ample bone.

FEET

Small, round and cat like.

TAIL

Previously customarily docked.

Docked: Well set on. Carried erect by not too gaily.

Undocked: Well set on. Carried erect but not too gaily. In overall balance with the rest of dog.

[*refer note below]

GAIT / MOVEMENT

Fore and hindlegs carried straight forward and parallel. Elbows move perpendicular to body, working free of sides, stifles turning neither in nor out.

COAT

Wiry, hard, very close and abundant. Single coat undesirable.

COLOUR

Black and tan for preference, or black grizzle and tan, free from black pencilling on toes. Black below hocks most undesirable.

SIZE

Height at shoulder not exceeding 39cm (15½in).

Weight: 9 9.5kg (20-21lb).

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points 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 on health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

***Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, docked or formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either.** (Fedco 12/2017 Amended DR/02/2018)



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