



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.

UTILIZATION:

Watch- and security Dog.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

A medium sized, well balanced, strong and square dog resembling the wild dog type. Strong distinction between the sexes.

BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, quick to react, distrustful of strangers, strongly defensive but not naturally aggressive. Vigilant not only against man but other animals as well. Extraordinarily devoted and amenable to training.

HEAD:

Well proportioned, blunt wedge shape of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Somewhat flattened. Some width allowed in powerful male heads.

Stop: Shallow but defined.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Black.

Muzzle: Sturdy, of moderate length and breadth.

Lips: Tight.

Jaws / Teeth: Jaws should be strong. Full dentition with scissor or level bite.

Eyes: Dark brown, slightly slanted, almond-shaped. Dark rims essential.

Ears: Erect, relatively short and broad, slightly rounded at the tip and set low.

NECK:

Muscular, of medium length.

BODY:

Square.

Withers: Well developed.

Back: Level.

Loins: Muscular.

Chest: Deep and of moderate breadth. Ribs well sprung.

Belly: Well tucked up.

TAIL:

Set high, thick brush carried curled over the back.

LIMBS :

Moderate angulations. Balance is essential.

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs perfectly straight.

Shoulders: Oblique and muscular.

Elbows: Close to the body.

HINDQUARTERS :

General appearance: Powerful.

Thighs: Strong, lightly feathered at the rearside.

Stifles: Well bent.

Hocks: Well let down.

FEET:

Strong, round and cat-like with hard pads.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Quick, light and energetic trot. Should demonstrate marked agility and stamina. Correct movement is essential.

COAT:

HAIR: Outer coat dense, harsh and straight, of short to medium length. Undercoat close and profuse.

COLOUR: Sand to red-brown, white, black, or spotted, with or without mask. If masked, mask must be symmetrical. Black mask permitted on all colours. White markings are permitted on all colours : « Boston Terrier » patterns are common. Grey, brindle, black-and-tan, or tricolour are unacceptable. Desert colours-sand, gold, red, cream- are most typical of the breed.

SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Size: Height at withers: 50-60cm.

Males can be considerably larger than females.

Weight: 18-25kg.

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 upon the health and welfare of the dog.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

Aggressive or overly shy dogs.

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

N.B.:

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

Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.



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