BOSTON TERRIER – ADD PICTURE ETC

GENERAL APPEARANCE
Smooth coated, relatively short-headed, compactly built, short tailed, well balanced dog of medium size, brindle in colour, evenly marked with white. Body rather short and well knit; limbs strong and neatly turned; tail short and no feature so prominent that the dog appears badly proportioned. Dog must convey an impression of determination, strength and activity, with style of a high order; carriage easy and graceful.

CHARACTERISTICS
Lively and intelligent.

TEMPERAMENT
Determined and strong willed.

HEAD & SKULL
Skull square in appearance, flat on top, free from wrinkles; cheeks flat; brow abrupt, stop well defined. Muzzle relatively short, square, wide and deep with no tendency to taper and in proportion to skull; free from wrinkles; shorter in length than in width and depth, approximately one third of length of skull; width and depth carried out well to end; muzzle from stop to end of nose on a line parallel to top of skull; nose black, wide with well-defined line between nostrils. Jaws broad and square. Flews of good depth, not pendulous, completely covering teeth when mouth closed. Head in proportion to size of dog.

EYES
Wide apart, round and not too large ~~and round~~, dark in colour; expression alert, kind and intelligent. Eyes set square in skull, outside corners on a line with cheeks when viewed from front.

EARS
Carried erect; small, thin, situated as near corner of skull as possible.

MOUTH
Teeth short and regular, bite even, or sufficiently undershot to square muzzle.

NECK
Of fair length, slightly arched, carrying head gracefully; neatly set into shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS
Shoulders sloping, legs set moderately wide apart on line with point of shoulders; straight in bone and well-muscled; pasterns short and strong. Elbows turning neither in nor out.

BODY

Deep with good width of chest; back short; ribs deep and well sprung, carried well back to loins; loins short and muscular; rump curving slightly to set on of tail; flank very slightly cut up; body appears short but not chunky.

HINDQUARTERS

Legs set true, good turn of stifle, hocks well let down; turning neither in nor out; thighs strong and well-muscled.

FEET

Round, small, compact, turning neither in nor out; toes well arched.

TAIL

Set on low; short, fine, tapering, straight or ~~screw~~ curled; devoid of fringes or coarse hair, never carried above horizontal.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Easy and graceful. Sure footed straight gaited, forelegs and hindlegs moving straight ahead with perfect rhythm. Each step indicating grace and power.

COAT

Short, smooth, lustrous and fine in texture.

COLOUR

Brindle with white markings; brindle must show throughout body distinctly; black with white markings but brindles with white markings preferred. Ideal markings; white muzzle, even white blaze over head, collar, breast, part of whole of forelegs, and hindlegs below hocks.

SIZE

Weight not exceeding11.5 kg (25 lb) divided by classes as follows:
Lightweight : under 6.8 kg (15 lb)
Middleweight: 6.8 kg (15 lb) and under 9.1 kg (20 lb)
Heavyweight: 9.1 kg (20 lb) and under 11.4 kg (25 lb)

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.

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