

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG

GROUP: Working

SIZE:

Ideal height: males, 25 to 27 ½ inches; Females, 23 to 26 inches, weight from 80 to 90 lbs, in proportion to height.

COAT:

Thick coat with bright, natural sheen; moderate length; straight or slightly wavy. **Faults: Extremely wavy or dull coats. Should be shown in natural coat without undue trimming.**

COLOR:

Tri-colored; jet black ground color with markings of rich rust and clear white; rust appears over each eye, on cheeks reaching to at least the corners of mouth, on each side of the chest, on all four legs and under the tail; white markings include a blaze and muzzle band, as well as an inverted cross on the chest and a white tail tip; white on feet is desirable but should not extend higher past the pastern area. **Faults: Any deviation from the desired markings are faulted in relation to the extent of their deviation. Disqualification: Albinism**

HEAD:

Broad with flat skull.

Muzzle: Straight and strong.

Bite: Scissor. **Faults: Level; incomplete dentition. Serious Faults: Undershot or overshot bite**

Lips: Clean, dry-mouthed breed with flews only slightly developed.

Eyes: Dark brown, medium sized, set high, slightly oval in shape, close fitting eyelids. **Faults: Light or round eyes; inverted or everted eyelids. Disqualifications: Blue eyes.**

Nose: Always black. **Disqualifications: light color or any color other than black.**

Ears: Triangular in shape, medium size, gently rounded at the tip; top of ear is level with the top of the skull; set high; hang close to the head when at rest; when dog is alert, the ears are raised at the base and brought forward.

NECK:

Medium in length, strong and muscular.

BODY:

Broad and firm back, with strong loins.

Topline: Level from withers to the croup.

Chest: Deep with well-sprung ribs. **Chest should not be barrel-shaped.**

FORE & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight and strong, with elbows under shoulder. Hind legs are strong and muscular, with stifles bent and hocks appearing straight when viewed from the rear. **Severe Fault: Weak pasterns.**

Feet: Round with well-arched toes; back feet turned neither in nor out. Dewclaws should be removed.

Tail: Bushy, and carried low with a slight upward curl when dog is active; tail bones should feel straight and should reach to the hock joint or below. **Faults: Curled tail or carried over the back; kink in tail;**

MOVEMENT:

Swift, but agile.

TEMPERAMENT:

Energetic, self-confident, free-spirited, with good movement.

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard.

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Disqualifications:

Viciousness or extreme shyness

blue eyes

albinism;