

BOLOGNESE --APRI

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

Measured at shoulders, males are from 10 to 12 ½ inches; females are from 9 to 12 inches. Weight averages from eight to fourteen pounds. Mid-weight and mid-height are considered the most desirable.

COAT:

The hair is long in locks, without lying flat against the body. The locks cover the entire head, body, and limbs. They appear shorter only on the forehead. The tail is furnished with long hair in locks.

COLOR:

White is the acceptable color. Champagne color is permissible on puppies, as this indicates strong pigmentation in the genes. The adult dog is not to be faulted for small touches of champagne on the ears and occasionally on the back, but as an adult must give the overall appearance of a white dog.

HEAD:

The medium length head is proportionate to the size of the body. The stop is moderate. The moderate length muzzle has no indication of snippiness. **The lips and nose must be absolutely black. No other color is allowed.**

Eyes: Slightly larger than average, dark, round. **Disqualification: Lack of good black pigmentation on the eye rims.**

Ears: The medium long, dropped ears are placed high on the head. The upper parts rests lightly aside the skull, giving the head the appearance of width.

Nose: Black—no other color is allowed.

Bite: A strong complement of strong, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite. A level bite is permissible. Six upper and six lower incisors are preferred; however, it is more important that the incisors present an even, smooth line between the canines. The size of the dog often determines the number of incisors.

NECK:

Neck is of sufficient length to give a graceful balance to the overall appearance of the dog.

BODY:

A square overall appearance is the most desirable, but slightly oblong is permissible. The body should appear sturdy; ribs are well-sprung.

Topline: Straight and level.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs have moderate angulation and are well-boned.

Hind legs also have moderate angulation and are well boned.

Tail: The tail is carried curved over the back and is furnished with long hair in locks.

MOVEMENT:

The forelegs reach straight forward freely from the shoulder, while rear legs move toward a straight line. The tail **must** be carried over the back when the dog is in motion.

TEMPERAMENT:

Bolognese are highly intelligent, quick to learn, and completely devoted to their masters. They have a pleasing disposition and are wonderful playmates for children

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

Disqualifications:

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid

Viciousness or extreme shyness

Overbite

Undershot

Lack of good, black pigmentation on the nose, lips, or eye rims

Straight coat in an adult

Albinism.