

BORZOI

GROUP: Hound

SIZE:

Mature males, measured at the withers, must be at least 28 inches; females, at least 26 inches. Weight males, 75 to 105 pounds; females 15 to 20 pounds less than males. ***Serious faults:* Mature dogs below the minimum height.**

COAT:

Long, silky coat (not woolly), may be either flat, wavy, or rather curly; short and smooth on head, ears, and front of legs; profuse and curly neck frill; long and profuse feathers on tail and hindquarters, but less so on the chest and back of forelegs.

COLOR:

Any color or combination of colors is acceptable.

HEAD:

Slightly domed skull, long and narrow, almost undetectable stop, and inclined to be Roman-nosed; long, powerful, and deep jaws may be somewhat finer in females, but not snipy.

Eyes: Large dark eyes set somewhat obliquely on the skull with inner corners of eye rims midway between the tip of the nose and the occiput; rather soft, intelligent expression; dark eye rims. ***Serious faults:* Round, full or staring eyes; light-colored eyes.**

Ears: Small and fine, active and responsive; ears lie back on the neck when in repose, almost touching behind the occiput; raised when the dog is at attention with the tips sometimes falling over.

Nose: Large, nicely rounded, and black.

Lips: Black rimmed, thin, and well stretched.

Bite: Scissor or even bite with strong, clean teeth. ***Fault:* Missing teeth.**

NECK:

Slightly arched, very powerful neck free from throatiness (clean), well set on, widening gradually into the shoulders; well muscled; flat on sides; length of neck should be approximately equal to length of head.

BODY:

The back rises a little at the loin in a graceful curve. Chest is rather narrow with great depth; very slightly sprung ribs, but very deep

Loins: Extremely muscular loins are rather tucked up owing to the great depth of chest and the comparative shortness of the back and ribs.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders sloping, fine at the withers and free from coarseness or lumber.

Forelegs: Straight bones, somewhat flattened like blades, with the narrower edge forward; elbows have free play and are turned neither in nor out; strong pasterns; dewclaws should be removed.

HINDQUARTERS:

Long, very muscular and powerful with well bent stifles; somewhat wider than forequarters; strong first and second thighs; hocks clean and well let down; legs parallel when viewed from the rear. Dewclaws, if any, must be removed.

Feet: Hare-shaped, with well-arched knuckles; toes close and well padded.

Tail: Well-feathered, set on and carried low in a graceful curve; tailbone reaches well below the hock joint; does not rise above the level of the back except when the dog is at a gallop.

MOVEMENT:

Front legs must reach well out in front with pasterns strong and springy; Hackneyed motion with mincing gait is not desired, nor is weaving and crossing, but, while the hind legs are wider apart than the front, the dog single tracks as speed increases; viewed from the side, there should be a noticeable drive with ground-covering stride from well-angulated stifles and hocks; overall impression should be of effortless, smooth, graceful motion accompanied by speed and agility. ***Serious faults: Hackney motion with mincing gait; weaving; crossing.***

TEMPERAMENT:

Quiet, gentle nature; intelligent.

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:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.