

BULLMASTIFF

GROUP: Working

SIZE:

Males, 25 to 27 inches at the withers; females, 24 to 26 inches. Weight for males, 110 to 130 lbs.; females, 100 to 120 lbs.

COAT:

Short and dense, lying flat on body, giving good weather protection.

COLOR:

Any shade of red, fawn, or brindle; small white marking on chest is permissible; dark muzzle is essential; ears darker than body.

HEAD:

Broad with well-developed cheeks and fair amount of wrinkles when alert. ***Serious faults: Lack of foreface with nostrils set on top of muzzle.***

Skull: Large skull with circumference of skull equal to height of dog at shoulder; flat forehead; moderate stop.

Eyes: Medium size and dark.

Ears: V-shaped, carried close to cheeks, set on wide and high, level with occiput and cheeks, giving appearance to the skull.

Muzzle: Short, blunt, and squared off; length approximately 1 to 3 in comparison with that of the entire head; dark muzzle preferred.

Nose: Black; large and broad nostrils.

Flews: Not too pendulous.

Bite: Full complement of large, strong, white teeth meeting in a level or slightly undershot bite; large canine teeth set wide apart.

NECK:

Slightly-arched, muscular, and of moderate length; it has almost the same circumference as the skull.

BODY:

Compact with short and straight back. ***Faults: Roached back; sway back.***

Topline: Straight and level between withers and loin.

Chest: Wide and deep; well-sprung ribs; deep brisket.

FOREQUARTERS:

Muscular, sloping, and powerful shoulders. ***Faults: Loaded shoulders.***

Forelegs: Powerful, straight, well-boned, set wide apart, showing a straight front; straight and strong pasterns.

HINDQUARTERS:

Wide loins, muscular and slightly arched, with fair depth of flank.

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Hind legs: Strong and muscular with well-developed second thigh; legs parallel when viewed from rear; hocks moderately bent. *Severe faults*: **Cowhocks**.

Feet: Medium-sized with well-arched, rounded toes; thick and tough pads; dark toenails are desirable; recommended removal of dewclaws, but not a fault if intact. *Severe faults*: **Splayed feet**.

Tail: Set high, carried straight or curved; strong at root, and tapers, reaching to the hocks.

MOVEMENT:

Strong and driving, yet very agile.

TEMPERAMENT:

Fearless and confident, yet docile, combining reliability, intelligence, and willingness to please to make a dependable family companion and protector.

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.