

FRENCH BULLDOG

GROUP: Non-sporting

SIZE:

Height should be 12 inches. Weight 13-28 pounds; sometimes judged as two separate classes of less than 22 pounds as lightweight, and 22 pounds to 28 pounds as heavyweight. APRI does not distinguish between the weights, and all are allowed with no preference given to any particular weight under 28 pounds. Dogs should be in correct balance and proportion regardless of weight.

COAT:

Short, smooth, shiny, and moderately fine; skin is soft and loose, especially forming wrinkles at the head and shoulders.

COLOR:

Color is immaterial.

HEAD:

Large, square, and flat between ears; forehead slightly rounded, not flat; well defined stop causing a hollow, or groove, between eyes.

Muzzle: Short, broad, and deep; well laid back; cheek muscles well developed; well defined stop.

Eyes: Dark; round, and moderate size; set wide apart, low on skull as far from eyes as possible; neither sunken nor bulging; lighter colored eyes acceptable in lighter colored dogs; no haw and no white of the eye showing when looking forward.

Ears: Set high, bat-like, broad at base, and rounded at top; set high on head, but not too close together; carried erect with the orifice to front; fine and soft ear leather. ***Disqualification: Any other than bat ears.***

Nose: Black in dark colored dogs, and lighter colors allowed according to coat in lighter colored dogs; broad nostrils with well defined line between them.

Bite: Undershot, with lower jaw projected in front of upper jaw, **but teeth should not be seen when mouth is closed.**

NECK:

Thick and well arched with loose skin at the throat.

BODY:

Back is short and broad, but narrows at the loins. Topline should be roached with slight fall close behind the shoulders. Chest is broad, deep, full, and ribbed up.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are short and set wide; muscular and straight. Hind legs are strong and muscular, longer than forelegs, elevating the loins above the shoulders; hocks well bent.

Feet: All feet are compact, of moderate size, and firmly set with well arched toes; high knuckles; short stubby nails; hind feet slightly longer than forefeet.

Tail: Short, hung low, thick at root, and tapers to a point. May be screw or straight, but not curly; carried low at rest.

MOVEMENT:

Strong and driving, yet very agile.

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TEMPERAMENT:

Well behaved, protective, playful but aloof with strangers.

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.

Other than bat ears.

Any alteration other than removal of dewclaws.

Nose other than black, except in lighter colored dogs where lighter colored nose is acceptable.

Albinism.