

ITALIAN GREYHOUND

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

13-15 in. Weight should be 11 pounds or less.

COAT:

Glossy, short, smooth, and fine; soft to the touch; skin is fine and supple.

COLOR:

Black, fawn, solid gray, slate gray, red, blue, white, or cream; white on chest and paws is permitted; any color and combination except those listed under "disqualifications."

HEAD:

Long and narrow, tapering to nose; skull is almost flat with slight suggestion of stop.

Muzzle: Long and narrow.

Eyes: Bright, medium in size, dark in color. ***Fault:* Very light eyes.**

Ears: Small and fine, set well back on head; thrown back and folded except carried at right angles to the head when alert. ***Serious faults:* Erect or button ears.**

Nose: Dark black or brown depending on color of dog. ***Faults:* Light colored nose; butterfly nose.**

Bite: Scissor bite. ***Faults:* Excessive undershot or overshot.**

NECK:

Long, slender, and gracefully arched.

Body:

Medium length; high at withers

Topline: Gracefully arched.

Chest: Deep and narrow.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs straight and set well under the shoulder; long, fine boned, strong pasterns.

Hind legs long; well muscled thigh; hocks well let down; well-bent stifle; parallel when viewed from behind.

Feet: Hare foot, well arched toes; removal of dewclaws preferred but not penalized if retained.

Tail: Slender; curled end; set and carried low; long enough to reach the hock. ***Fault:* Gay tail.**
***Disqualification:* Ring tail.**

MOVEMENT:

Swift, but agile; high stepping and free; front and hind legs move forward in straight line.

TEMPERAMENT:

Energetic, 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

Disqualifications:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Ring tail.

Brindle markings.

Tan marking as those normally found on black-and-tan dogs of other breeds.

Albinism.