

MI-KI

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

Measured at the shoulder, height should not exceed 11 inches. **Fault: Height over 11 ½ inches. Serious Fault: Height over 12 inches.** Weight should be in proportion to height.

COAT:

Two types, neither preferred: *The Smooth Coat* lies close to the body and skull with no presence of a beard or mustache on the face; short fringing on ears and on both front and rear legs and tail. *The Long Coat* is fine, silky and straight with long feathering on the ears and on both front and rear legs and on the tail. The Long Coated Mi-Ki may have a beard and mustache and must have a neatly shaved head. **Major fault: Long coated dog whose head is not shaved.**

COLOR:

All colors are acceptable, including Dilute colors; solid colors are and highly prized.

HEAD:

Small, “apple domed” head with well defined stop.

Eyes: Dark, round, and expressive. Dark eye rims preferred, but may be lighter in self-colored or dilute dogs. **Major fault: Pink eye rims.**

Ears: Very mobile; can be carried erect or dropped, and both types are capable of “winging” when extremely excited; both ears must be either erect or dropped, and all must be feathered.

Muzzle: Muzzle length varies from ½ inch in length up to 1½ inches.

Nose: Nostrils are wide and open, never pinched; black pigment or self colored in dilute dogs. **Major fault: Pink on nose of dog six months or older.**

Bite: Level or slightly undershot. **Disqualifications: Overshot or excessively undershot.**

NECK:

Medium length, never short or thick.

BODY:

Slightly longer than height, measured at shoulders.

Topline: Straight and level.

Chest: Medium depth with ribs well sprung.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are always straight, never bowed; feathering must be present; dewclaws may be removed.

Hindlegs are parallel when viewed from behind; feathering must be present; dewclaws must be removed.

Faults: Hindlegs lacking angulation, or cow hocked. Major fault: Dew claws not removed.

Feet: Hare-like in shape, thin and elongated; all four feet must be shaved; front feet may turn slightly outwards when relaxed. **Major fault: Feet not shaved.**

Tail: Set high and carried gaily, well arched over the body with fringing.

MOVEMENT:

Smooth and flowing with legs moving straight, parallel and in a line at a walk or slow trot; good reach in the front and good drive in the rear. **Disqualification: Hackney gait.**

TEMPERAMENT:

Affectionate, loyal, calm, intelligent and loving; love to be around people, and readily accept strangers; very even temperament which makes them ideal for therapy dogs.

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:

Albinism.

Viciousness or aggressiveness toward handlers or judges.

Overshot or excessively undershot.

Hackey gait.