

MINIATURE PINSCHER

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

10 to 12 ½ inches measured at withers; 11 to 11 ½ inches preferred. **Serious Fault: Height under 10 inches or over 12 ½ inches. Weigh should be in proportion to height.**

COAT:

Short, smooth, and hard; straight and lustrous; close lying and uniformly covering the body. **Faults: Thin, too long, dull coat.**

COLOR:

Black and tan, chocolate and tan, solid clear red, or stag red. Stag red is red with intermingling of black hairs. Black and tan has sharply defined rust-red marking on cheeks, lips, lower jaw, throat, twin spot above eyes and chest, lower half of forelegs, inside of hind legs and vent region, lower portion of hocks and feet, black pencil stripes on toes. Chocolate and tan has rust-red markings the same as for black and tan, except brown pencil stripes on toes. In the solid red and stag red a rich vibrant medium to dark shade is preferred. **Disqualifications: Any color other than listed; thumb mark (patch of black hair surrounded by rust on the front of the foreleg between the foot and the wrist; on chocolates, the patch is chocolate hair); white on any part of dog which exceeds one-half inch in its longest dimension.**

HEAD:

Narrow, tapering, well-balanced head in proportion to the body; well-fitted but not too prominent foreface balanced with skull; skull appears flat and taper toward the muzzle.

Muzzle: Medium size and well proportioned to head; rather fine and delicate; parallel to the top of the skull.

Eyes: Full, slightly oval, dark to black; clear and bright; black eye rims except in chocolate-colored dogs which have self-colored eyes.

Ears: Cropped or uncropped; set high and stand erect from the base to the tip.

Nose: Black, except in chocolate-colored dogs, which have self-colored noses.

Bite: Scissors bite; strong, white teeth; lips and cheeks small, taut, and closely adherent to each other.

NECK:

Slightly arched, muscular, clean, gracefully curved, blending into the shoulders; in proportion to head and body; free from dewlap or throatiness.

BODY:

Compact, slightly wedge-shaped, and muscular; length of males equals height at withers; length of females may be slightly longer.

Topline: Level or slightly sloping toward the rear when standing or gaiting.

Chest: Well developed and full, moderately broad; well-sprung ribs;

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are strong boned with small, clean joints; viewed from the front, they are straight and upstanding; elbows close to the body; strong and perpendicular pasterns; dewclaws should be removed.

Hind legs are well angulated when viewed from the side; well muscled thighs; well defined stifles; short hocks, set well apart; short rear pasterns set well apart; viewed from the rear, hind legs are straight and parallel; dewclaws should be removed.

Feet: All feet are small and cat-like; strong toes; well arched and closely knit with deep pads; thick, blunt nails.

Tail: Set high and erect; docked in proportion to size of dog, usually to 1/2 inch to 1 inch.

MOVEMENT:

Smooth flowing gait, with graceful movements; forelegs and hind legs move parallel with feet facing straight ahead; hackney-like action of a high-stepping, reaching, free and easy gait in which the front leg moves straight forward and in front of the body, and the foot bends at the wrist; smooth, strong drive from the rear; head and tail carried high.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert with fearless animation; complete self- possession accompanied by a spirited presence.

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.

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Albinism.