

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER

Group: Terrier

SIZE:

Desire height is 12-14 inches, may be smaller if structure is correct. Sturdy, in proportion to body length and height.

COAT:

Original desirable coat is double-coated with hard, wiry, outer coat and soft undercoat. Coat length sufficient to determine texture and density; clean and well groomed; trimming unnecessary, but acceptable if adequately left on head, neck, ears, chest, tail, and front legs. Hair should not be overly soft or silky, but will not be the hard outer coat if clipped, which is acceptable.

COLOR:

Salt and pepper, wherein the hairs of the coat are banded with shades of black, gray and silver; black and silver, the same as Salt and Silver except that the salt and pepper area is completely black; black if the dog is entirely black with no gray hairs and no brown tinge. A small white patch on the chest is acceptable on the black. Parti- Color; White **Disqualifications: Albinism**

HEAD:

Proportionate to body size; rectangular; forehead as long or longer than the skull. **Faults: Head coarse and cheeky.**

Skull: Flat, unwrinkled, moderately long.

Muzzle: Bridge flat and parallel to the line of the top skull; lips tight with dark pigment; hair on muzzle long and thick, forming the beard.

Bite: Tight scissor bite. **Disqualifications:** undershot, overshot, or level bite.

Nose: Solid black

Eyes: Small, dark brown, oval shape. **Faults:** Light color, large or prominent eyes.

Ears: Cropped or natural. Set high on skull. Natural: small, V-shaped; cropped: pointed and balanced with head, perpendicular at the inner edges. Poorly cropped, but correctly set ears should not be penalized.

NECK:

Strong, well arched, blending into shoulders, broadening slightly at withers; tight skin. **Faults: Loose skin, ewe-neck.**

BODY:

Nearly square body;

Topline: is straight, declining slightly from withers to base of tail; overall length from chest to buttocks equal to height at the withers. **Faults: Chest too broad or shallow in brisket; hollow or roach back.**

FOREQUARTERS:

Flat, clean, sloping muscled shoulders; close elbows; straight forelegs, well boned and parallel; length of front leg measured from elbow to ground is approximately equal to one-half the dog's height; short and round feet, pads thick and black; dewclaws should be removed, but are not penalized. **Fault: Loose elbows.**

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong and muscular providing fluid, well-coordinated action; balanced with forequarters; hindquarters never appear overbuilt or higher than the shoulders; short rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground in

stance, and, when viewed from rear, are parallel to each other; dewclaws removed. **Faults: Sickle hocks, cow hocks, open hocks or bowed hindquarters.**

Feet: Short and round, cat-like with thick, black pads and compact, arched toes.

Tail: Set high, carried erect; docked just long enough to be clearly visible over the backline when dog is in proper length of coat; must not be penalized for imperfect dock if correctly set. **Fault: Tail set too low.**

MOVEMENT:

Trot is the gait at which movement is judged; when approaching, forelegs, with elbows close to body, move straight forward, neither too close nor too far apart; going away, the hind legs are straight and travel in the same planes as the forelegs; viewed from side, forelegs have good reach with strong rear drive; feet turn neither in nor out. **Faults: single tracking, sidegaiting; paddling in front, hackney action; weak rear action.**

TEMPERAMENT:

Affectionate but spirited, intelligent, obedient, and friendly; should get along well with other dogs as well as people.

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, meanness, extreme shyness.

Albinism.