

PEKINGESE

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

Any weight up to 14 pounds. Very stocky and muscular body.

COAT:

Double-coated with coarse but soft, long, straight, flat outer coat and thick, softer undercoat; profuse mane forms a ruff or frill around neck, extending beyond shoulder blades; long feathering on back of thighs and forelegs, and on ears, tail, and toes. **Faults: Curly or wavy outer coat.**

COLOR:

All coat colors and markings, including parti-colors, are allowable and of equal merit; colors should be well defined; black masks and spectacles around the eyes with lines to the ears are desirable. **Disqualification: Albinism.**

HEAD:

Broad, wide, massive skull; flat between ears and wide between eyes; deep stop; the skull is wider than deep when viewed from front.

Muzzle: Short, broad, wrinkled muzzle; not pointed; flat face when view from side;

Lips: Black on all coat colors.

Bite: Slightly undershot. **Neither teeth nor tongue must show when mouth is shut.**

Eyes: Large, round, very dark in color, black eye rims.

Ears: Drooping, heart-shaped ears with long feathers; set on front corners of skull; ear leather should not hang below the muzzle.

Nose: Black, broad, very short, flat; open nostrils; positioned between eyes so that a line drawn horizontally across the top of the nose intersects the center of the eyes. **Faults: Any color other than black.**

NECK:

Very short, thick, set back into shoulders.

BODY:

Pear-shaped and compact; heavy in front, well-sprung ribs slung between forelegs.

Topline: Level.

Chest: Broad with little or no protruding breast bone, tapering to lighter loins with distinct waist.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are short, thick, and heavy-boned; bowed slightly between pastern and elbow; shoulders laid back gently and fit smoothly into body.

Hind legs are lighter than forelegs; reasonably close and parallel when viewed from behind.

Feet: Front feet are large, flat, and turned slightly out; must stand well up on feet; hind feet point straight ahead.

Tail: The base is set high with the remainder carried well over center of back; long, profuse straight feathering may lie to either side.

MOVEMENT:

Unhurried and dignified; rolling gait caused by heavier front and bowed front legs; smooth, effortless rolling motion free from bouncing, prancing or jarring.

TEMPERAMENT:

Regal dignity enhanced with an attitude of self-importance, self-confidence and exasperating stubbornness; lively and affectionate.

FAULTS:

Albinism

Nose any color other than black

Light brown, yellow, or blue eyes

Protruding tongue or teeth

Overshot jaw

Wry mouth

Ears set much too high, low or far back

Roach or swayback

Straight-boned forelegs

Teeth or tongue showing when mouth is closed

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard