

POMERANIAN

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

In proportion to weight. Average 3 to 7 pounds; 4 to 6 pounds preferred. **Faults: Over or under weight.**

COAT:

Double coat with soft and dense undercoat and long, straight, glistening, and harsh textured outer coat of guard hairs; profuse frill from neck and fore part of shoulders and chest; smooth coated hair on the face; well feathered front legs; long feathering from top of rump to the hocks; trimming for neatness and clean outline is acceptable. **Faults: Soft, flat, or open coat.**

COLOR:

All the following are acceptable colors and are to be judged equally: any solid color with darker shadings of the same color; any solid color with sable or black shadings; parti-color; sable; and black and tan. Parti-color is white with any other color distributed in even patches on the body with a white blaze on the head. Black and tan is a black base coat with sharply defined tan or rust appearing above each eye and on the muzzle, throat, and forechest, on all legs and feet, and below the tail. All colors are to be judged together. **Faults:** White chest, foot, or leg on a whole-colored dog except a solid white dog.

HEAD:

Balanced with the body; wedge-shaped; pronounced stop; slightly flat skull appears large in proportion to the muzzle. **Faults: round, dome skull.**

Muzzle: Fine, but not snipey, tight-lipped; foxlike expression.

Lips: Black, except in brown, beaver, and blue colored dogs when it may be self-colored.

Bite: Scissors bite. **Faults: over shot or under shot.**

Eyes: Medium size, almond-shaped, dark in color, black eye rims except self-colored in brown, beaver, and blue dogs. **Faults: Light pigment on eye rims.**

Ears: Small erect ears mounted high; lines drawn from nose through eyes to ear tips should form a wedge.

Nose: Black, except self-colored in brown, beaver, and blue dogs. **Faults:** Light pigment.

NECK:

Short, well set into shoulders, carrying head high; covered with lion-like profuse mane and frill of long, straight hair sweeping from underjaw and covering all the front part of the shoulders and chest.

BODY:

Compact and well-ribbed

Topline: Short, straight and level.

Chest: Deep and oval shaped, moderately wide with rounded ribs.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight and parallel to each other; straight and strong pasterns; feet well arched and compact, turned straight ahead; stands up on toes.

Hind legs moderately muscled; perpendicular to ground; parallel to each other; carried straight ahead; stands up on toes.

Tail: Set high and carried flat over back; profusely covered with long, harsh, spreading straight hair.

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MOVEMENT:

Smooth, free, balanced and vigorous; each rear leg moves in line with the foreleg on the same side with legs thrown neither in nor out; topline remains level.

TEMPERAMENT:

An extrovert with great intelligence and a vivacious spirit.

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 extreme shyness.