

PUG

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

11 to 14 inches at withers. Weight 14 to 18 pounds, very compact in proportion to height.

COAT:

Fine, smooth, soft, short, and glossy; neither hard nor woolly.

COLOR & MARKINGS:

Black, silver, apricot-fawn ranging from beige to dark fawn, all with a black mask.

Must be clearly defined; muzzle or mask, ears, moles on cheeks, thumb mark or diamond on forehead, and the back trace should be as black as possible; the more intense and well defined the black mask is, the better; the trace is a black line extending from the occiput to the tail.

HEAD:

Large, round, and massive with no indentation of the skull; large and deep wrinkles.

Muzzle: Short, blunt, and square, but not upfaced.

Eyes: Dark, very large, bold and prominent; globular in shape; very lustrous.

Ears: Thin, small, soft, like black velvet; both the “rose” and the “button” ear are acceptable, but preference is given to the “button;”

Nose: Black and set somewhat higher than the root of the muzzle. ***Faults: too light coloring; too much “lay-back.”***

Bite: Very slightly undershot.

NECK:

Strong, thick, slightly arched, with enough length to carry the head proudly.

BODY:

Short and cobby.

Topline: level from the withers to the high tail set.

Chest: Wide and well ribbed up.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight, strong, and of moderate length, set well under; elbows should be directly under the withers when viewed from the side; shoulders moderately laid back; strong pasterns, neither steep nor down.

Hind legs are strong, powerful with moderate bend of stifle and short hocks perpendicular to the ground; parallel when view from behind. Hindquarters are in balance with forequarters with full and muscular thighs and buttocks.

Feet: All feet the same: neither hare footed nor with cat feet; well split-up toes; black nails; dewclaws are generally removed.

Tail: Curled as tightly as possible over the hip; double curl is considered perfect.

Movement:

Viewed from the front, the forelegs should be carried well forward, showing no weakness in the pasterns, the paws landing squarely with the central toes straight ahead; the rear movement should be strong and free through the hocks and stifles, with no twisting or turning in or out at the joints; hind legs should follow in

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line with front with a slight natural convergence of the limbs both fore and aft; a slight roll of the hindquarters typifies the gait which should be free, self-assured, and jaunty.

TEMPERAMENT:

Even-tempered, stable, playful and displaying charm, dignity and an outgoing, loving disposition.

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.

Incorrect tail carriage.

Apple headed.

Albinism.