

## **ROTTWEILER**

GROUP: Working

### SIZE:

*Males* 24 to 27 inches; *females* 22 to 25 inches..85-140 pounds, in proportion to height and fitness.  
**Serious faults: Oversized or undersized**

### COAT:

Medium length, straight, coarse, dense, flat outer coat; undercoat on neck and thighs with amount influenced by climatic conditions, but never showing through outer coat; coat is shortest on head, ears, and legs, longest on breeching; should be exhibited in natural coat with no trimming. **Fault: Wavy coat.**  
**Serious faults: Open, excessively short, or curly coat; total lack of undercoat; any trimming that alters the length of natural coat. Disqualification: Long coat.**

### COLOR:

Black with clearly defined rust to mahogany markings on cheeks, muzzle, chest, over both eyes and beneath the tail; black penciling on toes; markings should not exceed ten percent of total body color; gray, tan, or black undercoat. **Serious faults:** Straw-colored, excessive, insufficient, or sooty markings; rust marking other than described; white marking anywhere on dog. **Disqualification: Any base color other than black; absence of all markings.**

### HEAD:

Medium length, broad between ears; viewed from the side the forehead line is moderately arched; skin on head should be smooth, not loose, although moderate wrinkling is permitted when dog is attentive.

Muzzle: Straight, broad at base with slight tapering towards tip; fairly deep with a level topline; backskull to muzzle ratio is 3 to 2; black and firm flews, falling gradually away and towards the corner of the mouth; dark inner mouth pigment is preferred. **Serious fault: total lack of mouth pigment (pink mouth).**

Eyes: Medium sized, almond shaped, moderately deep set, dark brown in color. **Serious faults: Yellow eyes, eyes of different color or size; hairless eye rims. Disqualifications: Entropion; ectropion.**

Ears: Medium sized, triangular pendants, set high and wide apart on head; lies flat with the inner edge against the head, ending about mid-cheek; when carried alertly the ears are level with the top of the skull and appear to broaden it. **Serious fault: Improper carriage (creased, folded, or held away from the cheek or head).**

Nose: Broad, not round, and always black.

Bite: Scissors bite with lower incisors touching inside of upper incisors. **Serious fault: Even bite.**

### NECK:

Powerful, well muscled with slight arch; lack of loose skin or throatiness.

### BODY:

Longer than height with shoulder height to length of body a ratio of 9 to 10; broad and strong; loin is short, deep, and well muscled; croup is broad, of medium length and slightly sloping; underline of a mature dog has a slight tuck-up; Topline firm and level, extending in a straight line from behind the withers to the croup; Chest deep, roomy and broad, reaching to elbow; pronounced forecast and well sprung oval ribs.

### FOREQUARTERS:

*Forelegs* are strong, straight and heavy boned; elbows set well under the body; distance from withers to the elbow is the same as the distance from the elbow to the ground; strong and springy pasterns set almost perpendicular to the ground.

#### HINDQUARTERS:

*Hind legs* have angulation balanced with that of the forequarters; viewed from the rear, the hind legs are straight and wide enough to accommodate the body width; broad, well-muscled, fairly long upper thigh; long, broad, well-muscled and powerful lower thigh; angular hocks are without exaggeration and completely vertical; real pasterns are nearly perpendicular to the ground.

Feet: Strong, round and compact; well-arched toes; thick pads; rear feet are somewhat longer than front feet; feet turn neither in nor out; short, strong, black nails; front dewclaws may be removed; back dewclaws must be removed.

Tail: Docked at the first or second vertebrae; carried horizontally, giving the impression of an extension of the topline; may be carried slightly above topline when dog is excited.

#### MOVEMENT:

Strong and driving, yet very agile; the natural gait is a trot; powerful hind thrust and good stride with back remaining firm and stable; front and rear legs are thrown neither in nor out, and the hind feet imprint should touch that of the forefeet; dog single tracks as speed increases.

#### TEMPERAMENT:

Protective and aloof with strangers; basically calm, confident, and courageous.

**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:*

**Extreme viciousness or extreme shyness.**

**Entropionism; Ectropionism.**

**Overshot, undershot (when incisors do not touch or mesh).**

**Unilateral cryptorchid or cryptorchid males (except in neutered classes).**

**Two or more missing teeth.**

**Wry mouth.**

**Base color other than black.**

**Albinism.**

**Absence of all markings.**

**Long coat.**