

## 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**