



# Dogue de Bordeaux

## PowerPoint Presentation

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# Introduction



# H.E.A.R.T.S

- H ead
- E xpression
- A thletic
- R wrinkle
- T rots like a lion
- S ubstance



# HEAD



# EXPRESSION





# ATHLETIC



R - wrinkle



# Trots Like a Lion





# Substance



# Breed History



- Oldest French breed
- Three original types: Toulous, Paris, Bordeaux
- 1863 - First documented canine exhibition
- 1959 - First ddb entered America

# Breed History



- Guardian
- Hunter
- Fighter



- Rebuilding in the 1960's



# Three types of profiles in dogs

## ■ 1. STRAIGHT

- i.e. Irish Setter
- Skull-Muzzle parallel planes
- Medium thickness skin
- Feet are in Parallel planes



## ■ 2. CONVEX

- i.e. Whippet, Greyhound
- Skin very thin
- Feet turn in
- Extremities are fine, tapering

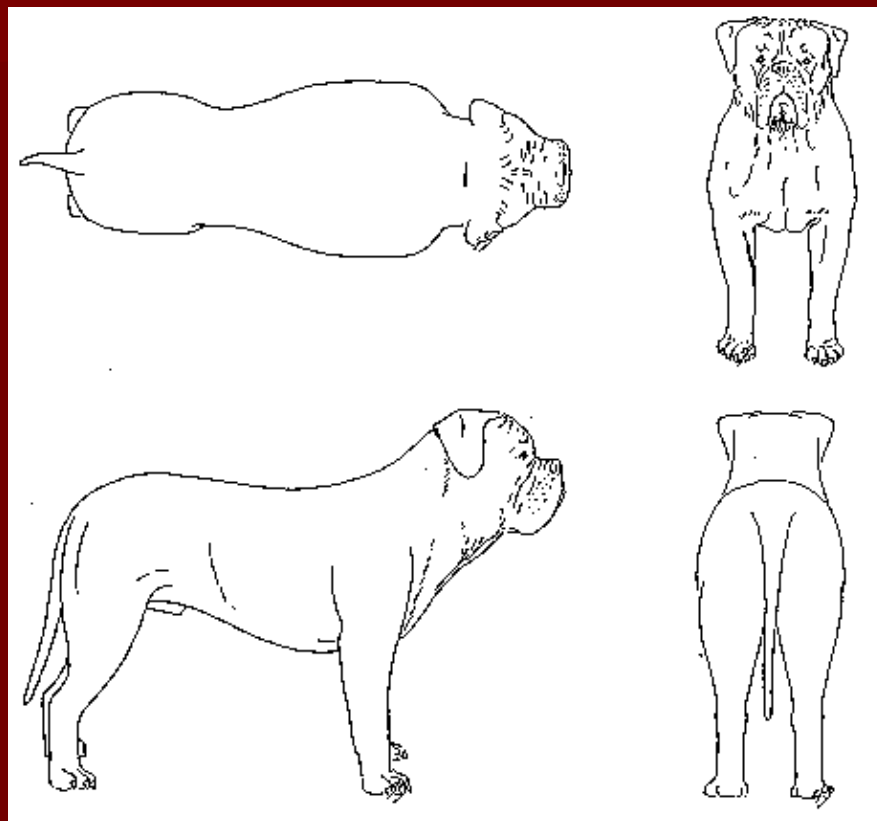
# Third type of profiles in dogs

- 3. CONCAVE
  - i.e. Bulldog
  - Dipping topline
  - Skin is thick
  - Toes out (in front)
  - Extremities are thick
  - Has to have bone



- The DDB nature is CONCAVE

# Breed Standard



- General Appearance

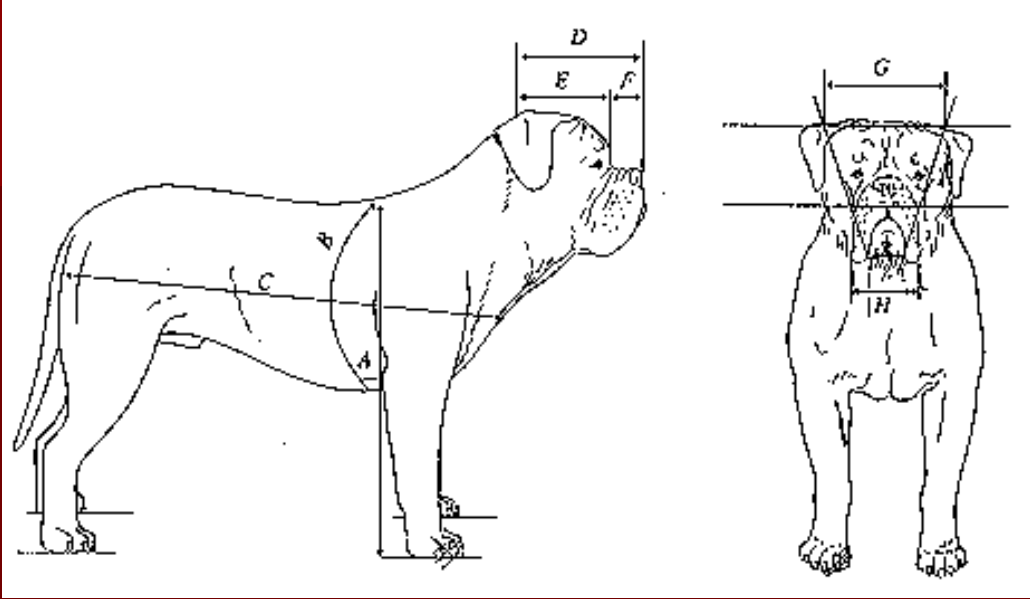


# Size, Proportion & Substance

- Dogs: 23.5 - 27 inches
- Dogs: at least 110 lbs
- Bitches: 23 - 26 inches
- Bitches: at least 99 lbs

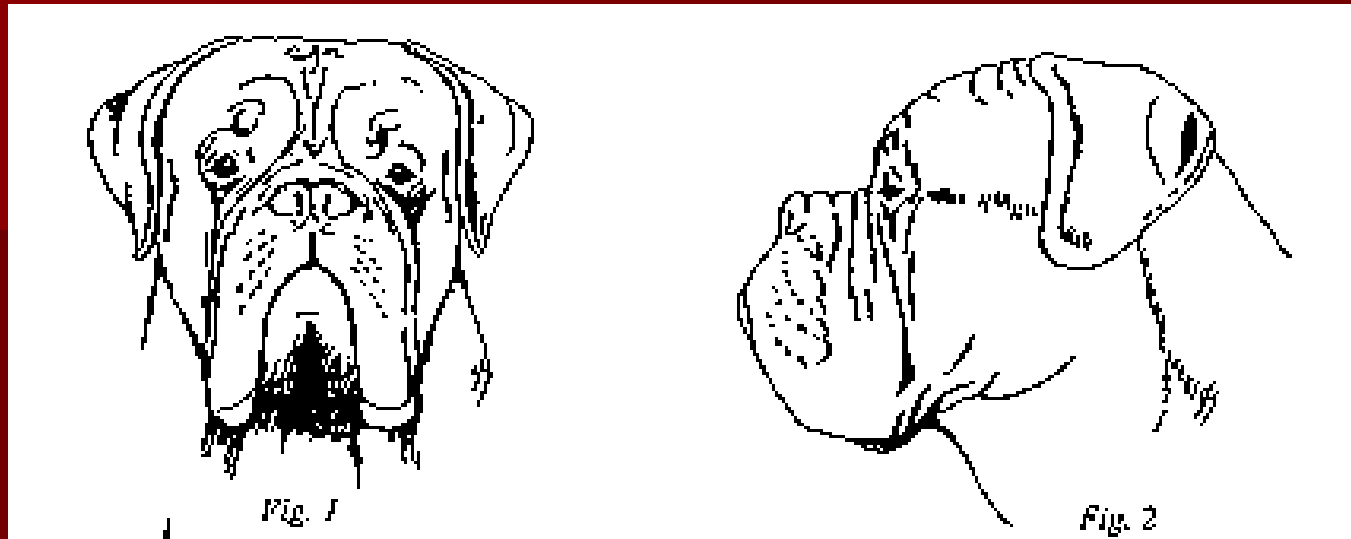


# Important Proportions



- Length of body is greater than height at withers, in the proportion of 11/10
- The depth of chest is more than half the height at the withers
- Circumference of head equals the height at withers for males, bitches may be slightly less.

# Head



- Trapezium shape from above & front
- Large & Broad



# Eyes



- Oval & set wide apart



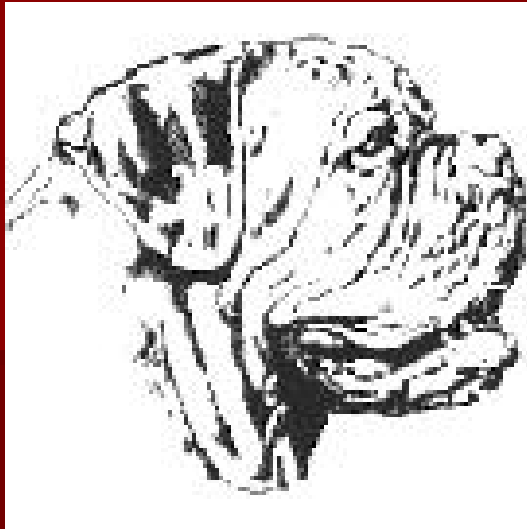
- Space between eyes is =  
2x the length of eye



Too Light –  
Not preferred



Fault – Protruding Eyes  
Round – Not preferred



# Ears

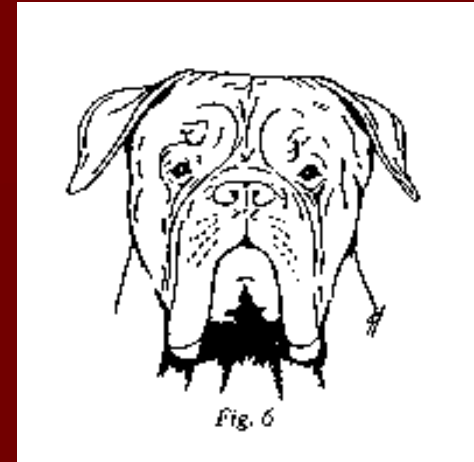


- Darker in color
- Should not reach beyond eye



# Incorrect Ear Placement

Front edge should be close to cheek



Small Ears/Rose Ears





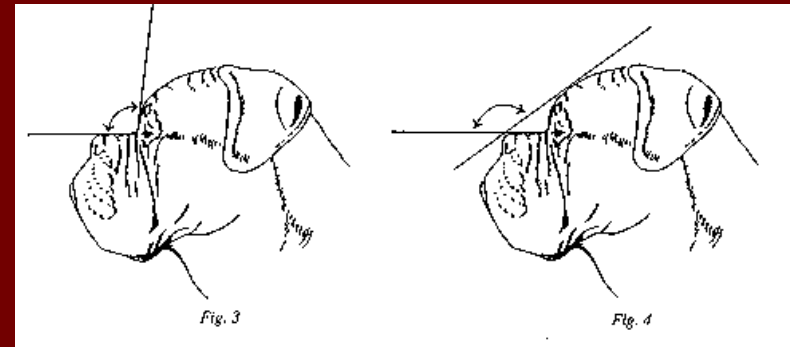
# Skull

- Trapezoid shape when viewed from above & front.



- Prominent cheeks
- Well developed eyebrows

# Stop



- Very pronounced
- Almost right angle (95-100 degrees)



# Muzzle

- Square when viewed from above
- Slightly concave
- Length varies from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total length of the head



# Wrinkle & Expression



- Wrinkle



- Expression



# Nose

- Broad
- Well opened nostrils
- Self colored according to mask color
- Slightly upturned



← Nostrils too pinched – not preferred



# Upper Lip

- V shaped
- Thick
- Moderately pendulous

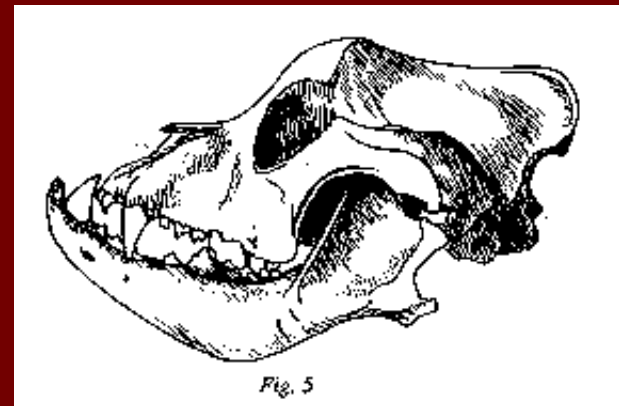


U shape - not preferred

# Jaw



- Very powerful & broad
- Lower jaw curves upwards
- Chin is pronounced





# Bite & Teeth



- Undershot
- Strong teeth
- Well aligned

SEVERE FAULT – canines constantly visible when mouth is closed



Fault – incisors visible when mouth is closed

# Different head types



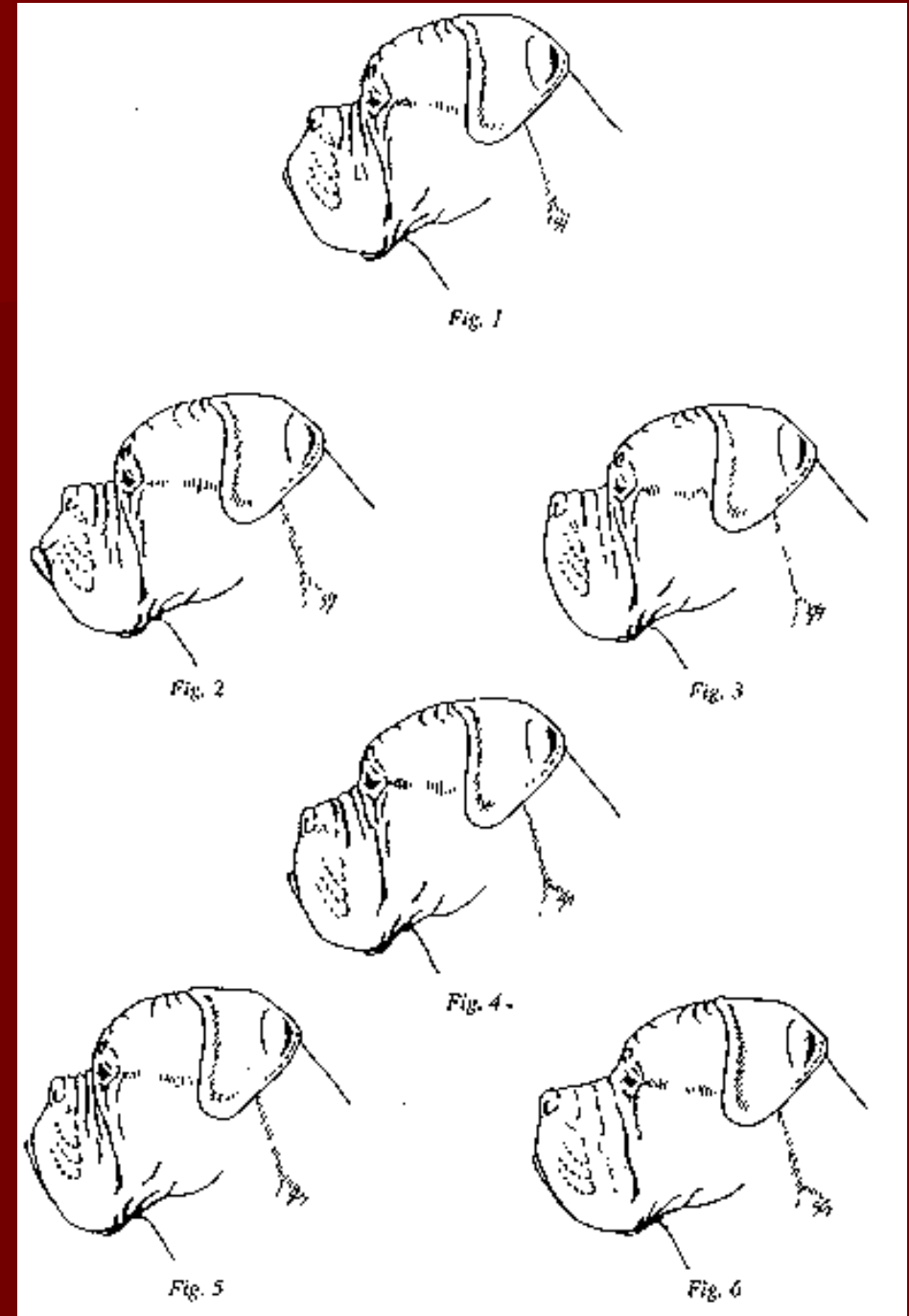


# More Head Types



# Incorrect Head Diagram

1. Correct Head & proportions
2. Too much underjaw
3. Lacking chin mark
4. Down-faced muzzled (roman nose)
5. Muzzle too short
6. Muzzle too long, stop not pronounced





# Heads that need improvement



Hyper-typical head



Ears too big & undershot too much



Too Square & lacking chin



Needs more cheek & wrinkle



Prefer more stop



Needs more back skull, cheek & wrinkle

# Severe Fault



- Long, narrow head with insufficiently pronounced stop, with a muzzle measuring more than a third of the total length of the head (lack of head type).



# Neck



- Almost cylindrical
- Slightly convex furrow at the junction of head/neck
- Broad at base
- Well defined dewlap





# Topline

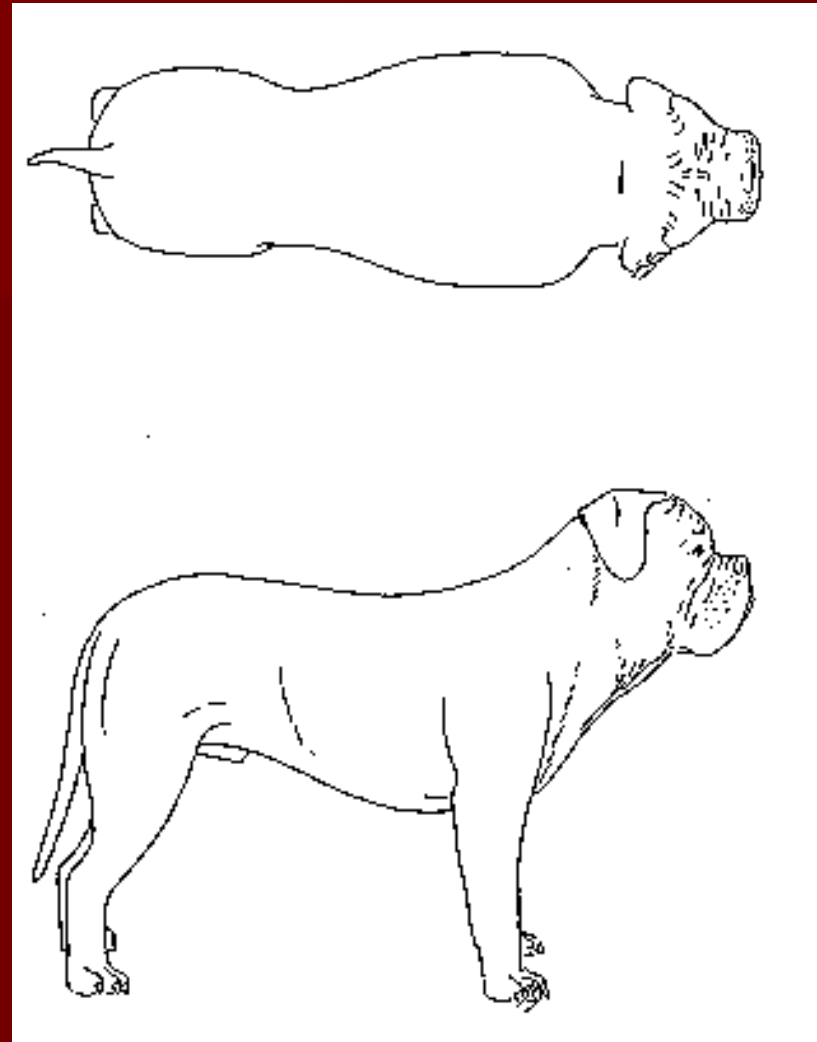


- Solid & Broad when viewed from above
- Withers well marked



# Chest

- Deep & broad
- Let down lower than elbows
- Forechest is convex
- Ribcage is well sprung



- Circumference of chest should be between 10-12 inches greater than the height at withers

# Chest Faults



↑ Lacking depth of chest/too leggy



Hollow chest  
→



Lack of forechest  
↑



Bulldoggy  
→



Overdone  
←

# Underline & Croup

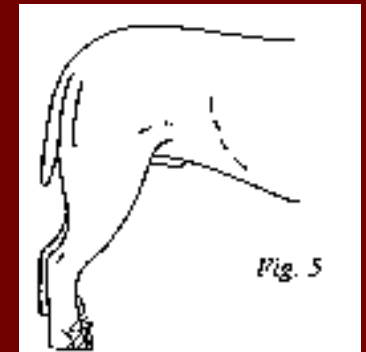
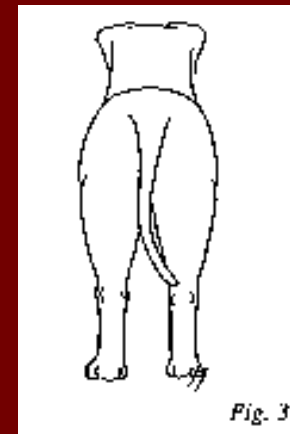
- Slight to Moderate tuck-up
- Curved from the brisket to abdomen



- Moderately sloping croup

# Tail

- Prefer tip reaches to hock
- Carried level or slightly raised in movement



- Fault – fused vertebrae



# Incorrect Tail Carriage

- Standing on Left
- During movement on Right



- Fault – check for fused vertebrae →



# Body Faults



Roach topline



Prefer stronger topline



Slope in croup is too much



Short in body



# Forequarters



■ Very muscular



■ Strong bone structure



# Shoulders & Front Angulation



- Slant of shoulder blade = about  $45^{\circ}$
- Angle of scapular-humeral articulation = little more than  $90^{\circ}$

# Front Angulation – incorrect



Too straight



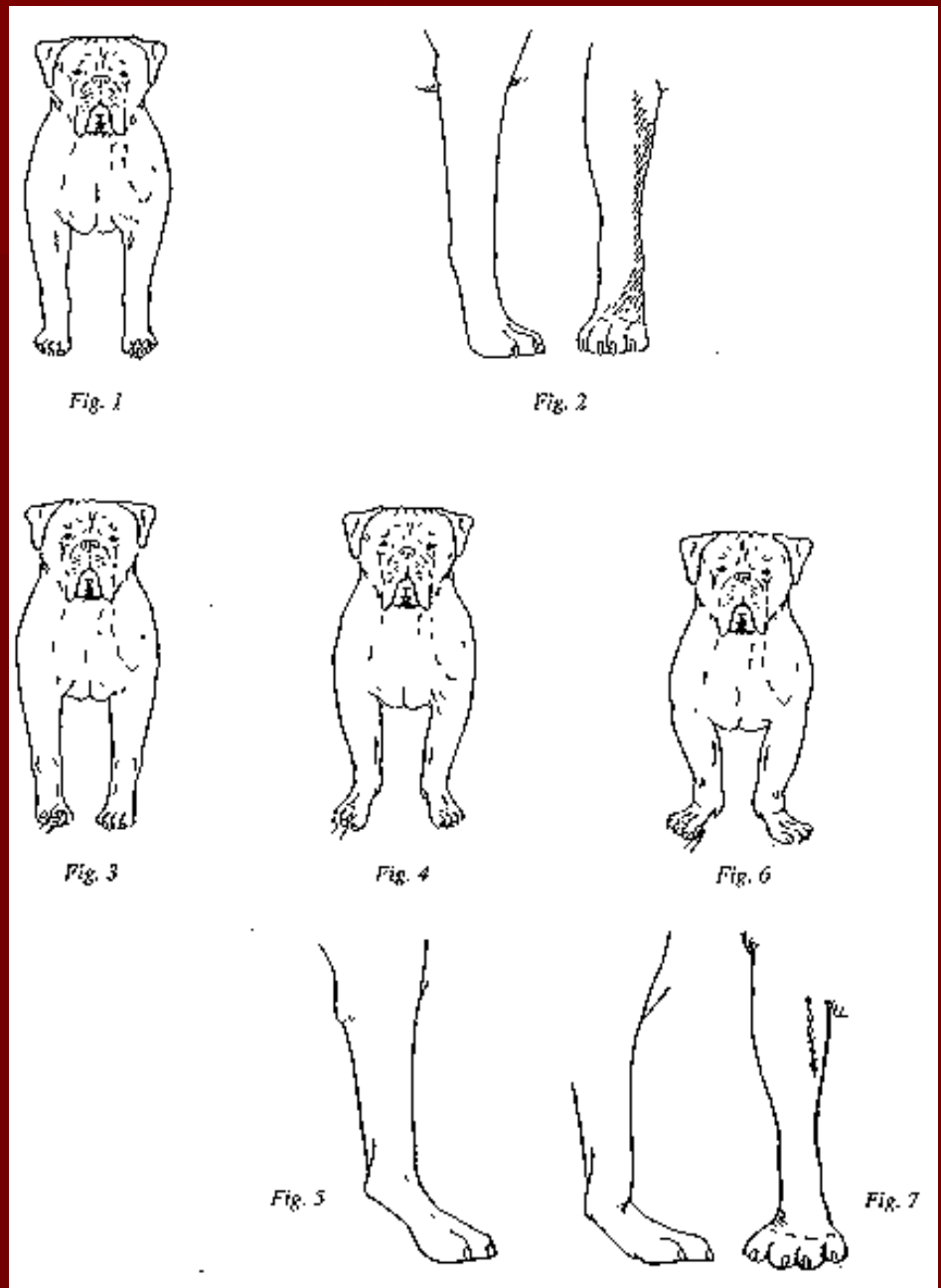
Short in upper arm



Prefer more angulation

# Front

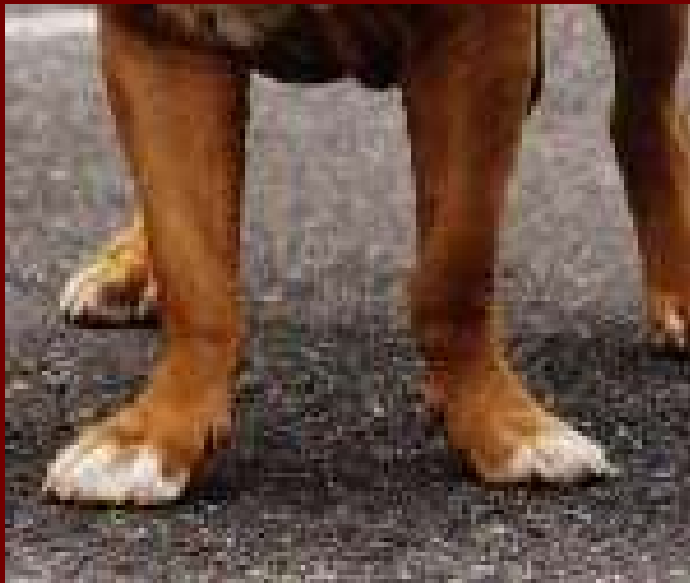
- Arms - muscular
- Elbows – in line with body
- Forearms – straight or inclining inwards





# Pasterns & Feet

- Powerful pasterns – may bend slightly outwards
- Feet – Strong with tight toes
- Front dewclaws are permitted



Poor example



Good example - Stacked



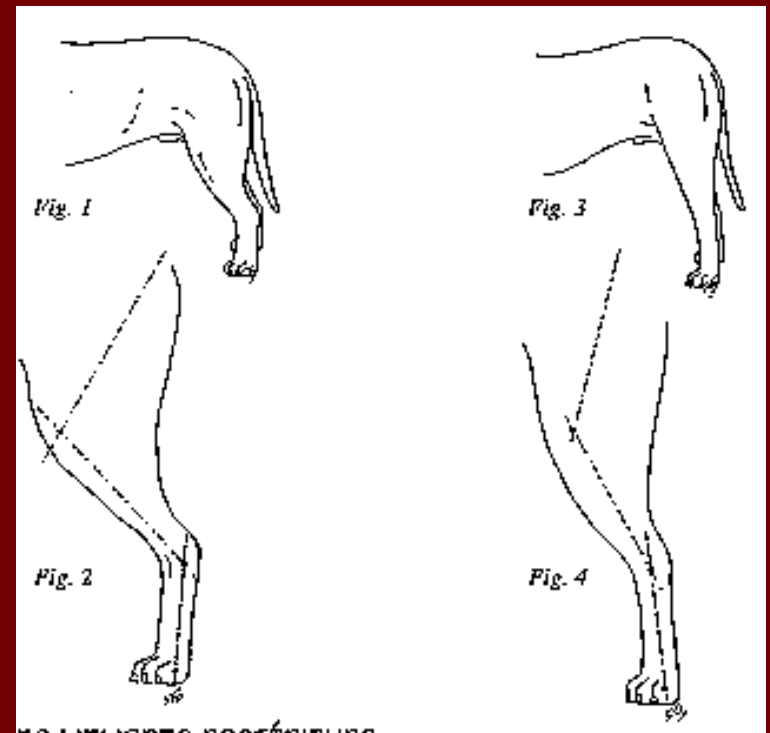
Good example - Natural

# Hindquarters



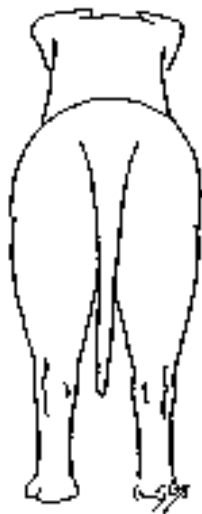
- Powerful & strong
- Parallel when viewed from behind
- Not as broad as forequarters

- Thigh – well developed & muscled
- Stifle – Parallel to median plane. Well angulated.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh – short & muscled



# Hocks

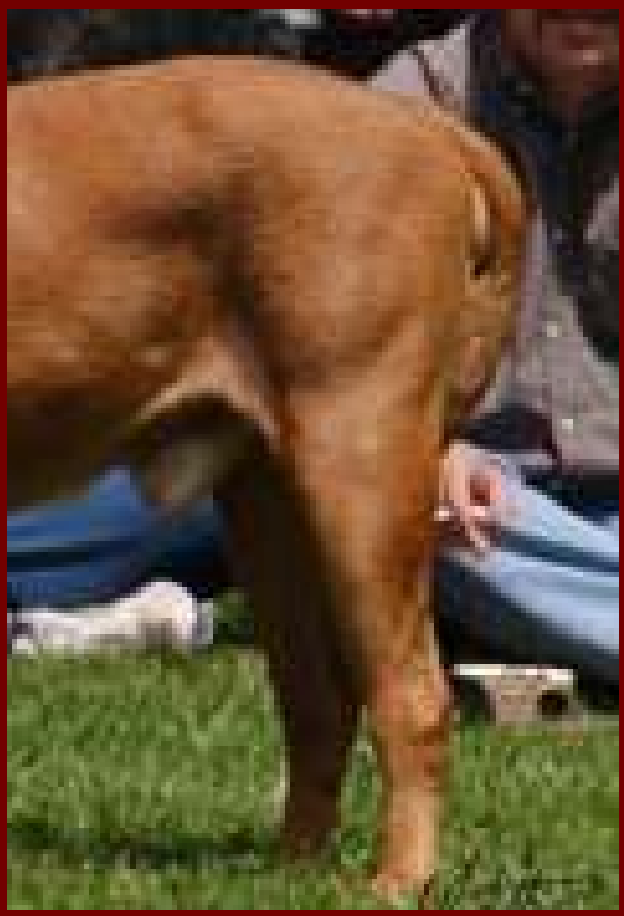
- Short & sinewy
- Joint – moderately open
- Strong
- No dewclaws





# Rear Angulation - incorrect

Too straight



Over angulated



Hyper-extended hock



# Coat & Color

- Skin is thick & loose fitting
- Coat is fine, short & soft



- Degrees of fawn
- Isabella – Mahogany
- Richer color preferred

# Mask Color

- Black Mask
- No Mask
- Brown Mask



Fault – Nose  
different  
than mask  
color →





# White Markings

- Limited white patches are permitted on chest & extremities of limbs.



Right examples are too →  
invasive – not preferred

# Excessive White

- Examples of excessive white on chest/neck



Fault – White on tip of the tail or on the front part of the forelegs.





# Gait

- Lion like
- Drops head
- Topline inclines towards the front
- Front feet get closer to the median plane





# Side Gait



- Good extension of forelegs
- Good drive from hindquarters

# Age Progression



15 months old



3 years old

- Males take 3-4 years to mature



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11 months old



5 years old

- Young dogues go through a “gangly” phase

# Age Progression



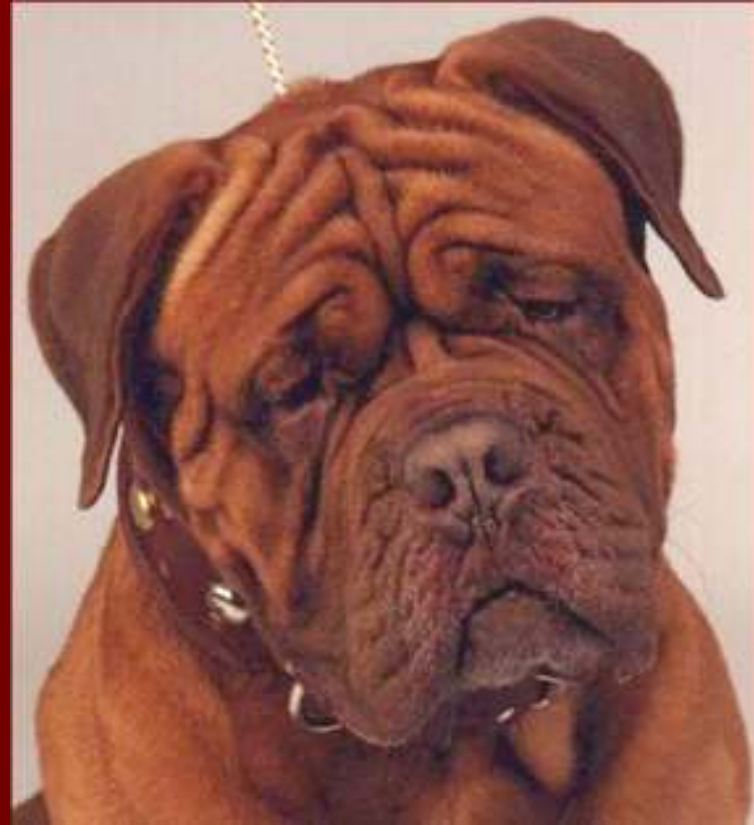
- Male example
  - 6 months
  - 11 months
  - 2 1/2 years
- Rear grows first
- Chest drops last



# Age Progression



6 months old



2 years old

■ Male head example

# Age Progression



7 months old



1 1/2 years old



5 years old

- Females mature at a slow rate as well

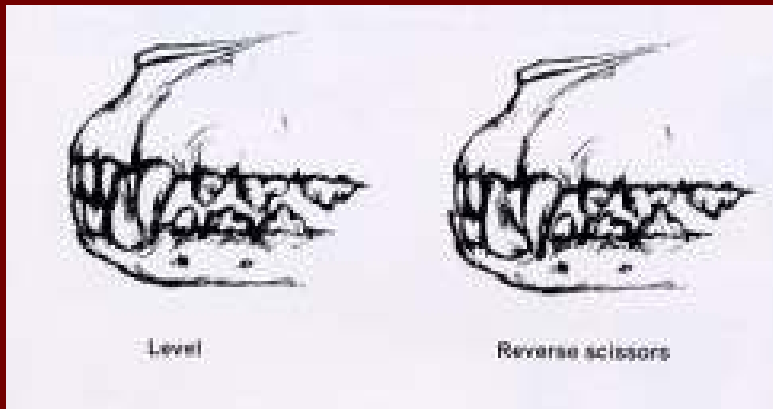


# Temperament

- Guardian
- Companion
- Calm & balanced
- Males - dominant



# Disqualifying Faults

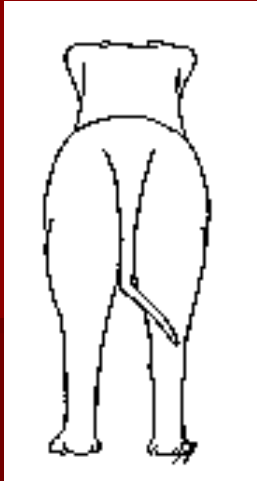


- Not undershot



- Wry jaw

# Disqualifying Fault



- Atrophied tail or twisted tail (kink)





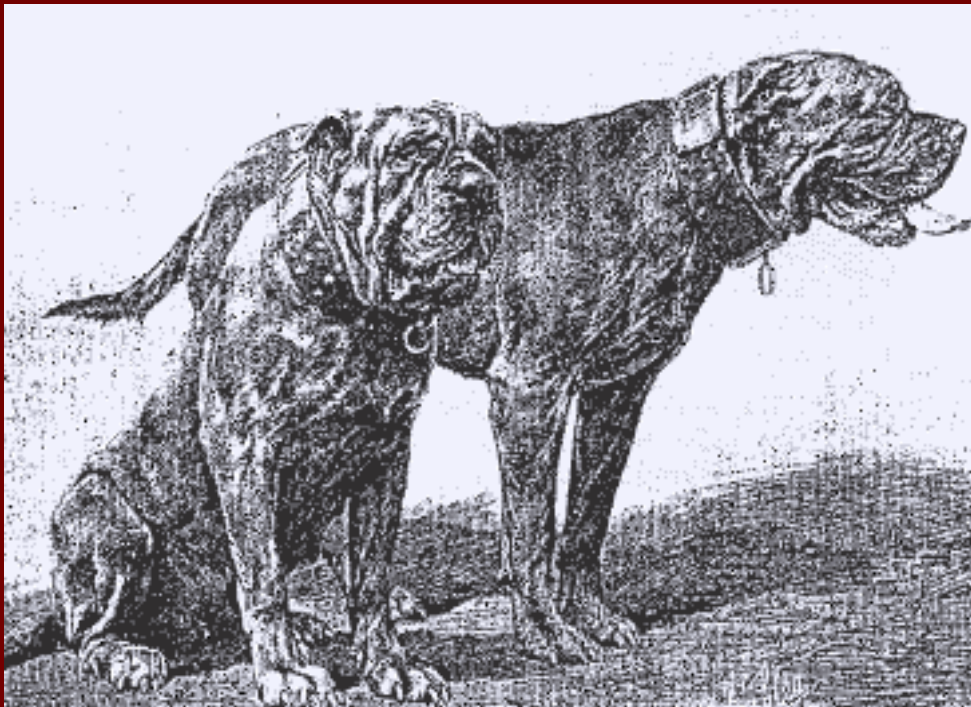
# Disqualifying Fault

- White on head/body or any other color than fawn



# Form & Function

- Guarding – looks dissuasive
- Hunting - athletic
- Fighting – thick skin folds



# Judging the DDB

- Leave plenty of room between dogs
- Noises are common (snorts/grunts)
- Aloof in character
- Expect drool
- Heat sensitive





# The DDB vs. The Bullmastiff



- Bigger head
- More wrinkles
- Nose turned up
- Black mask differs
- More bulldog characteristics





## Bullmastiff has...

- More leg
- Congruent line from head to tail

## DDB is...

- Longer in body
- More angulated
- Wider in front than rear





# Working Ability

- Obedience
- Agility
- Carting
- Rally





# More Working Ability



- Therapy
- Weight Pulling
- Search & Rescue
- Narcotic detection



# Dogues around the World



- FCI World Dog Shows

- French National Specialty, entries of 200+



# Photo Gallery





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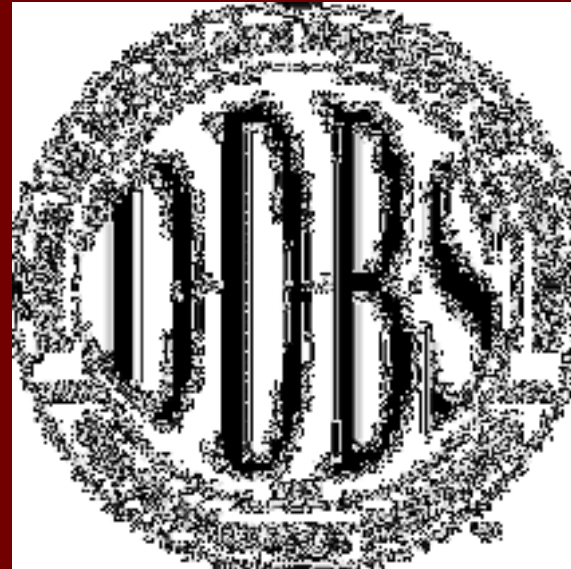


# Family Dogues





# For the love of the breed...



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