

Boston Terrier

Boston Terrier Standard March 30, 2011

Oral Exam: Front only

General Appearance

Lively, highly intelligent, smooth coated, short headed, compactly built, short tailed, well balanced dog. Brindle, Seal or Black in color, evenly marked with white. Head in proportion to size of body, expression indicates high intelligence.

Balance, Expression, Color & White markings



Body short, well knit, limbs strong, tail short
Impression of determination, strength, activity, Style of high order, easy graceful carriage

Size / Proportion

Classes: Under 15 Lbs, 15 – 20 Lbs, 20 – 25 Lbs
Length of leg balances length of body – Square
Not Spindly or coarse

Substance

Bone and muscle in proportion

Fault: Blocky or Chunky

Head Developed by Karen Scholz 100177

Skull square, flat on top, free of wrinkles, cheeks flat, brow abrupt, stop well defined.

Expression: Alert, kind, high degree of intelligence



Ears

Small, carried erect, natural or cropped
Situating as near to corners of skull as possible



Eyes

Set wide apart, large, round, dark in color
Set square in skull, outside corners on a line with cheeks viewed from front.

Disqualification: Blue or any trace of blue

Muzzle short, Square, Wide and deep in proportion to skull. Free of wrinkles
Shorter in length than width or depth
Not exceeding 1/3 length of skull
Stop to end of nose parallel w/ top of skull



NOSE: Black, wide, well defined line between nostrils

Disqualification: Dudley nose

Jaw broad, square, short regular teeth
Chops good depth – not pendulous, covers teeth when mouth closed



Teeth: Even or undershot

Serious Faults: Wry mouth, showing teeth or tongue with mouth closed

Faults: Eyes showing too much haw, pinched or wide nostrils, ears not in proportion to head

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck length displays image of balance, slightly arched, carrying head gracefully, setting neatly into shoulders.

Topline level, rump curves slightly to set on of tail

Chest deep, good width, ribs well sprung, carried well back to loins

Body should appear short

Back short enough to square the body



Forequarters

Shoulders sloping, well laid back

Elbows neither in nor out

Forelegs set moderately wide apart, on line with upper tip of shoulder blades

Straight, short strong pasterns

Feet

Small, round, compact

Turn neither in nor out

Well arched toes, short nails

Fault: lacking substance, splay feet

Dewclaws may be removed

Hindquarters

Thighs strong, well muscled, bent at stifle

Hocks short to feet

Fault: Stright in stifle

TAIL

Set low, short, fine and tapering

Straight or screw

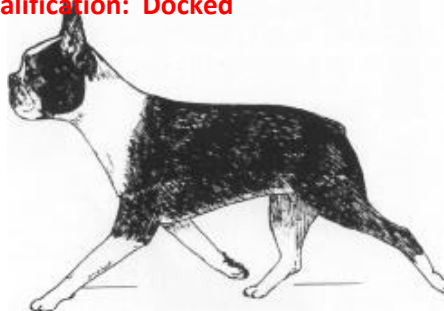
Must not be carried over horizontal

Faults: Gaily carried tail

Serious Faults: Roach back,

sway back, Slab sided

Disqualification: Docked



Gait

Sure-footed, straight gaited, forelegs & hind legs move straight ahead, perfect rhythm, indicating grace & power

Faults: rolling, paddling, weaving, hackney

Serious Fault: crossing front or rear

Temperament

Friendly, lively, excellent disposition, high degree of intelligence, incomparable companion

Coat

Short, smooth, bright & fine

Color

Brindle, Seal, Black with White Markings

Brindle preferred if all else equal

Seal – Black w/ red cast in sunlight



Required Markings Preferred Markings

Required Markings: White muzzle band, white blaze between eyes and white forechest

Desired Markings: White muzzle band, even white blaze between eyes and over head, white collar, white forechest, white on full or part of forelegs and hind legs below hock

Disqualification:

Solid Black, solid Brindle or solid Seal without required white markings

Any Color not described in the Standard

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