Bulldog

Bulldog Standard August 31, 2016



General Appearance

Medium size, smooth coat
Heavy, thick-set, low-swung body
Massive short-faced head
Wide shoulders, sturdy limbs
Great stability, vigor & strength
Equable, kind, resolute, courageous, dignified



Proportion/Size

50 pounds; bitches about 40 pounds Circumference of skull in front of the ears at least the height of the dog at the shoulders

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Head

Skull very large, broad and square Head very high & short from point of the nose to occiput Forehead flat, not rounded or domed

Ears

- set high on head, small, thin
- Inner edge joins skull outline at top back corner
- wide apart, high, far from eyes as possible
- "rose ear" folds in at back lower edge, the upper front curves over, out & back
- Not carried erect, buttoned, cropped



Wrinkles and Dewlap Head and face covered with heavy wrinkles, and at the throat, from jaw to chest, there should be two loose pendulous folds, forming the dewlap.

Eyes

Low in skull, far from ears as possible Corners in straight line with stop In front of head, wide apart as possible Round, moderate, neither sunken nor bulging Very dark

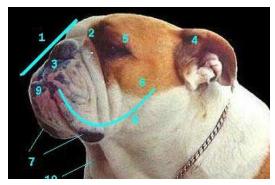
No haw, no whiteshowing

Blue or green, parti-colored are a disqualification

<u>MUZZLE</u> Very short, broad, turned upward Very deep from corner of eye to corner of mouth.

Chops or "flews" thick, broad, pendant Very deep, completely overhanging lower jaw at each side

Teeth not noticeable with mouth closed



NOSE Large, broad, black, tip set back between eyes Bottom of stop to tip of nose short - not exceed length of tip of nose to edge of underlip Nostrils wide, large black, well-defined line between **Disqualification: brown, liver-colored nose**



Jaws/Teeth:

Jaws massive, broad, square, "undershot," Lower jaw projecting in front of upper jaw and turning up.

Teeth large & strong, canine teeth wide apart 6 teeth between canines in even, level row

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck short, thick, deep, strong Well arched at the back Topline slight fall close behind shoulders, rise to the loins (higher than shoulders), thence curving to tail Body brisket & body very capacious, full sides, well-rounded ribs, very deep well let down between shoulders & forelegs Broad, low, short-legged



Forequarters

<u>Chest</u> broad, deep, full.

<u>Underline</u> body well ribbed with belly tucked up <u>Back & Loin</u> back short, strong, broad at shoulders, narrow at loins

<u>Shoulders</u> Muscular, heavy, widespread, slanting outward, giving stability and great power.

<u>Forelegs</u> short, stout, straight, muscular, set wide apart, well developed calves, bowed outline, bones not curved

 $\underline{\textbf{Elbows}}$ Low, stand well out, loose from body

<u>Feet</u>

Moderate size, compact, firmly set
Toes compact, well split up, high knuckles
Short stubby nails
Front feet straight or slightly out-turned



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Hindquarters

Legs Strong, muscular, longer than forelegs Hocks Slightly bent, well let down, approach each other Lower leg short, straight and strong Stifles turned slightly outward



Hind feet turn outward



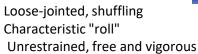
TAIL

Straight or "screwed" not curved, curly Short, hung low, downward carriage Thick root and fine tip Straight is cylindrical, uniform taper "screwed" has bends/kinks well defined, abrupt or knotty

No portion elevated above base/root

Gait





Temperament

Equable, kind, resolute, courageous (not vicious or aggressive)
Pacific and dignified.

Coat, Color

<u>Coat</u> straight, short, flat, close, fine texture, smooth and glossy <u>Skin</u> soft & loose, especially at the head, neck and shoulders





Uniform, pure, brilliant red, white, fawn, fallow, any combination
Patterns/markings brindle, piebald, ticking, black masks, black tipping, minimal solid black in piebalds.

Disqualification: All other colors/markings and merle



