

Chihuahua

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Oral Exam: Front

General Appearance

Graceful, Alert, Swift-moving Compact little dog
With saucy expression, Terrier like Temperament



Size / Substance / Proportion

Well Balanced

Weight: Not to exceed 6 Lbs.

Proportion: Off-square, slightly longer than tall

Measured point of shoulder point of

Buttocks vs Height at withers

Shorter bodies preferred in males

Disqualification: Over 6 Lbs



Head

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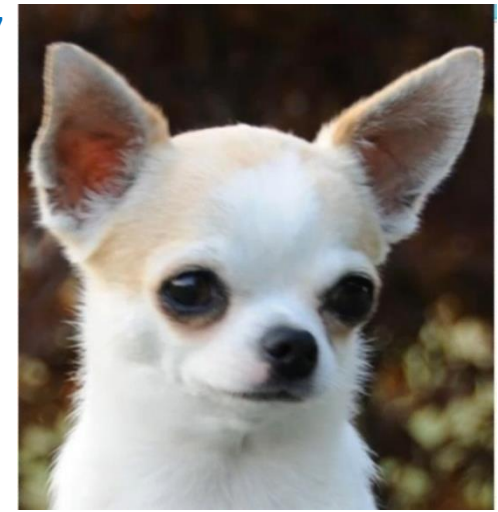


Ears: Large, erect, held upright when alert
Flaring to 45 degrees in repose

Disqualification: Broken down or
cropped ears

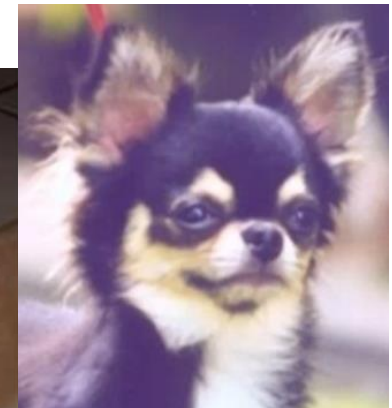


Eyes Full, Round, not protruding, Balanced
Set well apart,
Luminous dark, Luminous Ruby, Light eyes in
blond or white dogs permissible
Serious Fault: Blue eyes or 2
different colors in 1 eye



Nose: Self-colored in Blond, Black,
moles, blues, chocolates
Pink allowed in Blond dogs

Muzzle moderately short, slightly pointed
Cheeks and Jaw lean



Expression: Saucy

Teeth: level or scissors
1 or 2 teeth missing permissible

Serious Fault: Overshot, Undershot or any
distortion of bite or jaw

Neck Slightly arched, gracefully sloping into lean shoulders

Topline level

Forequarters

Shoulders lean, sloping into a slightly broadening support above straight forelegs that set well under, giving free movement at the elbows. Shoulders should be well up, giving balance and soundness sloping into a level back (never down or low). This gives a well developed chest and strength of forequarters



Feet

Small, dainty, toes well split up, not spread, pads cushioned. Neither hare nor cat
Dewclaws may be removed

Pasterns strong

Temperament

Alert, projecting the “terrier like” attitudes
Of self importance, confidence, self reliance

Hindquarters

Muscular, with hocks well apart, neither in nor out, well let down, firm and sturdy.
Angulation – equal to forequarters
Feet as in front, dewclaws may be removed



TAIL Moderately long, carried sickle either up or out or in a loop over back with tip just touching back – NEVER tucked between legs

Disqualification: docked, bobbed tail



Gait

Move swiftly with firm, sturdy action, good reach / drive, balanced, hocks parallel, footfall directly behind forelegs.
Tend to converge slightly with speed.
Head carried high
Topline remain firm & level

Coat & Color

Any color, solid, marked or splashed

Smooth coat: Soft texture, close, glossy
Heavier coats with undercoat permissible
Ruff on neck preferred, and more scanty on head & ears. Hair on tail furry



Long Coats: Soft texture, flat or slightly wavy. Undercoat preferred. Ears fringed. Tail full, long plume. Feathering on feet and legs, pants on hind legs. Large ruff on neck preferred.

Disqualification: In Long coats, too thin coat resembles bareness

