

Dalmation

Dalmatian Standard September 6 1989

Oral Exam: Front only

General Appearance

Spotted, poised, alert; strong, muscular
Active; free of shyness; intelligent
expression; symmetrical outline;
No exaggeration or coarseness
Capable of great endurance, & speed



Proportion

19 and 23 inches - Undersize/oversize fault

Disqualification: Over 24 inches at the withers

Forechest to buttocks equal to height at withers

Substance

Good *substance*

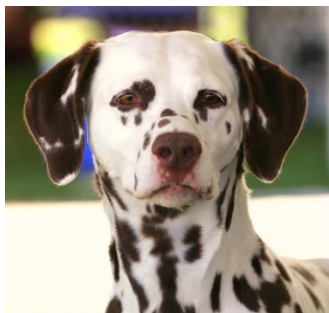
strong & sturdy in bone, never coarse.

Head **Developed by Karen Scholz 100177**

In balance with the overall dog

Of fair length, free of loose skin

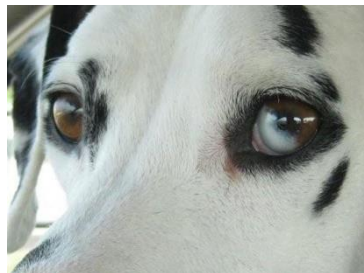
Expression is alert and intelligent, indicating a stable & outgoing temperament.



Ears

Moderate size, wide at the base, tapering to rounded tip. They are set rather high, carried close to the head thin and fine in texture.

When alert, top of the ear level with top of skull, tip of the ear reaches to the bottom of cheek.



Eyes

Set moderately well apart, medium sized somewhat rounded set well into the skull
Brown or blue, or any combination
darker the better

**Major faults: Ectropion, entropion, trichiasis
Incomplete pigmentation of the eye rims**

Cheeks blend smoothly into muzzle

Top of muzzle level & parallel to top of skull

Muzzle & top of the skull about equal length



Skull

flat, slight vertical furrow
approximately as wide as it is long
Stop moderately well defined



NOSE

Completely pigmented; black in black-spotted dogs; brown in liver-spotted

Incomplete nose pigmentation is a major fault.

Lips clean and close fitting

Teeth

Scissors bite

Disqualification: Overshot or undershot bite

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck nicely arched, fairly long, free from throatiness, and blends smoothly into the shoulders

Topline is smooth

Chest is deep, capacious and of moderate width, good spring of rib

Brisket reaches to the elbow

Moderate tuck-up

Back is level and strong

Loin short, muscular, slightly arched

Flanks narrow through the loin

Croup nearly level with the back



Forequarters

Shoulders smoothly muscled, well laid back

Upper arm equal length to shoulder blade

Elbows are close to the body

Legs straight, strong and sturdy in bone

Slight angle at pastern denoting flexibility

Feet

Round, compact

Thick, elastic pads, well arched toes

Major fault: Flat feet

Toenails black/white in black-spotted dogs, brown/white in liver-spotted dogs

Dewclaws may be removed



Hindquarters

Powerful, smooth, well defined muscles

Stifle well bent

Hocks well let down

Legs parallel

Major fault: Cowhocks



TAIL

Natural extension topline

not inserted too low

Strong at insertion, tapers to tip

Reaches to the hock, never docked

Carried with slight upward curve,

never curls over back

Faults: Ring tails and low-set tails



Gait

Steady, effortless, smooth, efficient action

Powerful drive with extended reach

Topline remains level

As speed increases, tendency to single track

Temperament

Stable and outgoing, yet dignified

Shyness is a major fault

Coat, Color

Short, dense, close fitting, Neither woolly nor silky

Sleek, glossy and healthy

Ground color pure white

Black-spotted dogs spots - dense black

Liver-spotted dogs spots are liver brown

Disqualification: Color other than black or liver



Spots round, well-defined, the more distinct the better.

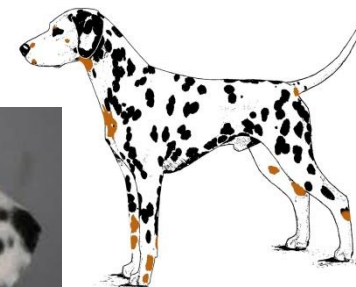
Vary from dime to a half-dollar



Pleasingly and evenly distributed

Less intermingle better, Ears preferably spotted

Disqualification: Tri-color



Disqualification: Patches - Solid mass of black or liver hair, no white. It is appreciably larger than a normal sized spot. Dense, brilliant color, sharply defined, smooth edges.