

PEKINGESE



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ORIGIN: China.

PATRONAGE: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Companion **Dog**.

CLASSIFICATION: Group 9 Companion and Toy Dogs.
Section 8 Japan Chin and Pekingese.
Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Leonine in appearance with alert and intelligent expression. Small, well balanced, **moderately** thick-set with great dignity and quality. Any signs of respiratory distress **for any reason or inability to move soundly** are unacceptable and should be heavily penalised. **Not excessively coated**.

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT: Fearless, loyal, aloof, not timid or aggressive.

HEAD: Fairly large, proportionately wider than deep.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: **Moderately** broad, wide and flat between ears; not domed; wide between eyes.

Stop: **Defined**.

FACIAL REGION: Black pigment essential on nose, lips and eye rims.

Nose: **Not too** short, broad, nostrils large and open. A **slight** wrinkle, **preferably** broken, **may** extend from the cheeks to the bridge of nose in a wide inverted “V”. This **must never** adversely affect or obscure eyes or nose.

Pinched nostrils and heavy over-nose wrinkles are unacceptable and should be heavily penalised.

Muzzle: **Must be evident, but may be relatively short and wide.**
Firm underjaw.

Lips: Level lips. **Must not show teeth or tongue; nor obscuring a well defined chin.**

EYES: Clear, round, dark lustrous **and not too large.** Free from obvious eye problems.

EARS: Leathers heart-shaped, set level with the skull, carried close to the head and not coming below line of muzzle. Long profuse feathering.

NECK: **Relatively** short and thick.

BODY: **Relatively** short, distinct waist.

Topline: Level.

Chest: Broad and well sprung ribs slung between forelegs.

TAIL: Set high, carried tightly, slightly curved over back to either side. Long feathering.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: **Relatively** short, thick, heavily boned forelegs. **Standing well up on feet, not down on pasterns. Absolute soundness essential.**

Shoulder: Laid back and fitting smoothly into the body.

Elbow: Close to the body.

Forearm: Bones of forelegs **may** be slightly bowed between pasterns and elbows, **accommodating ribs.**

Metacarpus (pastern): **Slightly sloping, strong and not too close together.**

Front feet: Large and flat, not round. **May be** slightly turned out. **Excessively turned out feet to be heavily penalised.**

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Hind legs strong and well muscled but **moderately** lighter than forequarters. **Excessively narrow hindquarters to be heavily penalised.** Moderate angulation. **Absolute soundness essential.**

Stifle (Knee): Well defined.

Hocks: Firm, low.

Metatarsus (Rear pastern): Strong, parallel when viewed from the rear.

Hind feet: Large and flat, not round. Hind feet point straight ahead.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Typically slow, dignified rolling gait in front. Typical movement **must** not be confused with a roll caused by slackness of shoulders **or with other indications of unsoundness. Any slackness of shoulders and elbows, and any indications of unsoundness in feet and pasterns to be heavily penalised. Movement not to be hindered by excessive body coat.**

COAT

Hair: **Moderately** long, straight with mane, **not** extending beyond shoulders, forming a cape around neck. Top coat coarse with thick, softer undercoat. Feathering on ears, back of legs, tail and toes. Length and volume of coat should **neither impair the activity of the dog** nor obscure the shapeliness of body. **Excessive coat must be heavily penalised.**

Colour: All colours and markings are permissible and of equal merit, except albino or liver. Parti-colours evenly broken.

SIZE/WEIGHT: Ideal weight not exceeding 5 kg for **males** and 5.4 **females.** Dogs should look small but be surprisingly heavy when picked up; heavy bone and a sturdy well-built body are essentials of the breed.

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

The latest amendments are in bold characters.

SURFACE ANATOMY

