

# **KUSA**



Official Breed Standard

## **Pug (Toy Group)**



*A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.*

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Decidedly square and cobby, it is 'multum in parvo' shown in compactness of form, well-knit proportions and hardness of muscle, but never to appear low on legs, nor lean and leggy.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Great charm, dignity and intelligence.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

Even-tempered, happy and lively disposition.

### **HEAD AND SKULL**

Head relatively large and in proportion to body, round, not apple-headed, with no indentation of skull. Muzzle relatively short, blunt, square, not upfaced. Nose black, fairly large with well open nostrils. Wrinkles on forehead clearly defined without exaggeration. Eyes or nose never adversely affected or obscured by over nose wrinkle. Pinched nostrils and heavy over nose wrinkle is unacceptable and should be heavily penalised.

### **EYES**

Dark, relatively large, round in shape, soft and solicitous in expression, very lustrous and when excited, full of fire. Never protruding, exaggerated or showing white when looking straight ahead. Free from obvious eye problems.

### **EARS**

Thin, small, soft-like black velvet. Two kinds – 'Button ear' – ear flap folding forward, tip lying close to skull to cover opening. 'Rose ear' – small drop-ear which folds over and back to reveal the burr.

## **MOUTH**

Slightly undershot. Wide lower jaw with incisors almost in a straight line. Wry mouths, teeth or tongue showing all highly undesirable and should be heavily penalised.

## **NECK**

Slightly arched to resemble a crest, strong, thick with enough length to carry head proudly.

## **FOREQUARTERS**

Legs very strong, straight, of moderate length, and well under body. Shoulders well sloped.

## **BODY**

Short and cobby, broad in chest. Ribs well sprung and carried well back. Topline level, neither roached nor dipping.

## **HINDQUARTERS**

Legs very strong, of moderate length, with good turn of stifle, well under body, straight and parallel when viewed from rear.

## **FEET**

Neither so long as the foot of the hare, nor so round as that of the cat; well split up toes; the nails black.

## **TAIL**

High-set, tightly curled over hip. Double curl highly desirable.

## **GAIT/MOVEMENT**

Viewed from in front should rise and fall with legs well under shoulder, feet keeping directly to front, not turning in or out. From behind action just as true. Using forelegs strongly putting them well forward with hindlegs moving freely and using stifles well. A slight unexaggerated roll of hindquarters typifies gait. Capable of purposeful and steady movement.

## **COAT**

Fine, smooth, soft, short and glossy, neither harsh, off-standing nor woolly. Any stripping or trimming of the coat which alters the length, texture or outline must be penalised.

## **COLOUR**

Silver, apricot, fawn or black. Each clearly defined to make contrast complete between colour, trace (black line extending from occiput to tail) and mask. Markings clearly defined. Muzzle or mask, ears, moles on cheeks, thumb mark or diamond on forehead and trace as black as possible.

## SIZE

Ideal weight: 6.3–8.1 kgs (14–18 lbs). Should be hard of muscle but substance must not be confused with overweight.

## 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 and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

## NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.



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