

KUSA



Official Breed Standard

Lhasa Apso (Utility 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

Well balanced, sturdy, heavily coated, without excess.

CHARACTERISTICS

Gay and assertive.

TEMPERAMENT

Alert, steady but somewhat aloof with strangers

HEAD & SKULL

Head furnishings with fall over eyes, but not effecting the dog's ability to see, good whiskers and beard. Skull moderately narrow, falling away behind eyes, not quite flat, but not domed or apple headed. Straight foreface with medium stop. Nose black. Muzzle about 4 cm (1.5 in), but not square; length from tip of nose roughly one third total length from nose to back of skull.

EYES

Dark. Medium size, frontally placed, oval, neither large nor full, nor small and sunk. No white showing at base or top.

EARS

Pendant, heavily feathered.

MOUTH

Upper incisors close just inside lower i.e. reverse scissor bite. Incisors in a broad and as straight a line as possible. Full dentition desirable.

NECK

Strong and well arched.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders well laid back. Forelegs straight, heavily furnished with hair.

BODY

Length from point of shoulders to point of buttocks greater than height at withers. Ribs extending well back. Level topline. Strong loin. Balanced and compact.

HINDQUARTERS

Well developed with good muscle. Good angulation. Heavily furnished with hair. Hocks when viewed from behind parallel and not too close together.

FEET

Round, cat like with firm pads. Well feathered.

TAIL

High-set, carried well over back but not like a pot-hook. Often a kink at end. Well feathered.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Free and jaunty.

COAT

Top coat long, heavy, straight, hard neither woolly nor silky. Moderate undercoat. Coat never impeding action.

COLOUR

Golden, sandy, honey, dark grizzle, slate, smoke, parti-colour, black, white or brown. All equally acceptable.

SIZE

Ideal height: Dogs: 25 cm (10 in) at shoulders; bitches slightly smaller.

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 on 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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