

American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
January 12-13, 2026

The Board convened on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 8:33 a.m. Eastern Time.

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Present at the Meeting: Dr. Thomas Davies (Chairman), Dr. Michael Knight (Vice Chairman), Ms. Gina DiNardo (President & CEO), Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Mr. Eduardo Fugiwara, Dr. Charles Garvin, Mr. Steven Hamblin, Mr. Daniel Smyth, Mr. Robin Stansell, Mr. Christopher Sweetwood, Mr. Harold Tatro, and Ms. Ann Wallin. Ms. Sally Fineburg and Ms. Sylvia Thomas joined via video conference.

The Chief Operating Officer (Mr. Gordon Comfort), Chief Financial Officer (Mr. Ted Phillips) and Executive Secretary (Ms. Sheila Goffe) were also present.

Copies of the November 10-11, 2025, Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review. Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the November 2025 Board Meeting minutes.

PRESIDENT

Ms. DiNardo provided the Board with an update on preparations for the AKC Meet the Breeds® event February 7-8 at the Javits Center in New York City. The event will be larger than in previous years, and 147 Parent Clubs have already signed up for booths. Ticket pre-sales are ahead of the same time period last year.

AKC experienced outstanding results from the telecast of AKC National Championship. Viewership of the event on the ABC television network was the highest ever, with a consistent average of more than 1.37M viewers and 1.7M at peak. ESPN2 reported a six-fold increase over last year's viewership.

Registrations for both dogs and litters were below budget for December 2025.

Leadership continues to have fruitful meetings with foreign registries, many of whom have expressed an interest in enhancing their relationship with AKC. Plans are underway for four AKC shows in Mexico in November 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

Legal Status Report

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, and Patricia Hines, Corporate Counsel – Litigation, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Legal Status update as of December 2025.

Updated Trial Board and Appeal Trial Board Procedures

Staff provided recommendations to update Trial Board and Appeal Trial Board Procedures, last amended July 9, 2012, to ensure accuracy, and provide clarification and consistency with current Trial Board administration.

Trial Board and Appeal Trial Board Procedures (“Procedures”) are issued pursuant to AKC’s Charter and Bylaws and intended to assist Trial Board members and participants in AKC’s disciplinary process with respect to the functions and processes of AKC Trial Boards. The Procedures offer background on Trial Boards and their functions, address the preliminary, hearing and decision processes of Trial Board proceedings, including the Appeal Trial Board, and guidance regarding Event Committee Appeals to the Trial Board.

Staff identified the need to update the current Procedures considering:

- (1) outdated information,
- (2) in response to questions raised by participants and Trial Board members which could be clarified with updates to the Procedures,
- (3) an opportunity for more cost and time-efficient proceedings, and
- (4) the recognized need to address participant conduct within the Procedures.

Staff provided recommended edits and additions to address the above.

This will be discussed further at the February 2026 Board meeting.

Trial Board Member Requirements and Guidelines

At its November 2025 meeting, the Board requested that staff prepare guidelines surrounding the review, appointment, actions, term and termination of Trial Board members.

Pursuant to the AKC Charter and Bylaws, staff prepared the Trial Board Member Requirements and Guidelines to address the Board’s request and establish further written requirements and expectations for Trial Board members.

The presented Trial Board Member Requirements and Guidelines (1) provide guidance regarding application, qualifications and requirements for Trial Board members, (2) establish terms limits for members, and reiterates the Board’s power for at-will removal of Trial Board members under the AKC Charter and Bylaws, (3) offer best practices for Trial Board members to follow in their handling of AKC disciplinary matters, and (4) highlight actions and behaviors which AKC prohibits and would warrant the removal of a Trial Board member.

The Trial Board Member Requirements and Guidelines will assist the Board in their review and appointment of Trial Board members and provide education and instruction to Trial Board members on the expectations of the role.

This will be discussed further at the February 2026 Board meeting.

AKC CHF Quarterly Update and Financials

Dr. Stephanie Montgomery, CEO of AKC CHF, joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

The Board received a report for the AKC Canine Health Foundation for the fourth quarter of 2025. 2025 was the 30th anniversary of the AKC CHF and marked Year 1 of a new strategic plan.

2025 AKC CHF highlights include the building, by staff and leadership, from the ground up, a foundation that did not exist at the start of the year, including a redesigned website, a unified, organization-wide approach to quarterly-themed campaigns, refreshed branding, and new collateral.

New platforms were launched to showcase our science and expand our reach, from the monthly Canine Health Discovery Webinar Series, which far exceeded participation goals, to the introduction of the Canine Health Discovery of the Year Award.

Together, these efforts strengthened AKC CHF visibility, unified its voice, and established new workflows for staff that represent significant advances in how CHF communicates its mission and impact for all dogs

CHF Financials

CHF's Statement of Activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, reflects an Operating Deficit variance of (\$183K). The variance would shift to a positive \$244K had the budgeted Endowment and Management draws totaling \$428K taken place by this point in the fiscal year.

The draws were approved in June but delayed until needed, and taken in November 2025, resulting in an (unaudited) variance shift to a positive \$244K.

Much of the variance reflects CHF's continuing commitment to reinvest in the Foundation through our strategic plan. CHF recognizes the momentum generated through coordinated messaging, reinforced by early positive feedback from constituents. Building on this success, CHF has made a deliberate choice to sustain our involvement and maximize its impact.

Investment gains (largely unrealized) of approximately \$2.94 million, combined with delayed transfer of the Endowment and Management Draws, bring our September YTD variance to a positive \$3.79 million.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss private and confidential legal/business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented unaudited preliminary financial statements as of November 30, 2025.

Net Operating Loss is \$5.9 million primarily due to lower registration revenue, excluding investment income of \$3.2 million. Operating revenues total \$83 million, led by registration (litter and dogs) totaling \$28.8 million. Operating expenses total \$85.8 million.

COO

Gordon Comfort, Chief Operating Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting. Tim Pursell, Senior Director, IT, participated via video conference.

Staff updated the Board on IT transformation efforts including a discussion of expectations for potential future consultants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary and VP, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP, Sport Services, participated via video conference.

Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The American Pointer Club has submitted proposed revisions to their breed standard in the areas of size, proportion and substance, head, back, color, and gait. The Pointer standard was last revised in 1975.

This will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

American Hairless Terrier Stud Book

The American Hairless Terrier Club of America has requested to keep the breed stud book open. Sport Services recommends that the American Hairless Terrier Stud Book remain open until January 1, 2031.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED

(unanimously) to waive standard procedure and to immediately consider the request by the American Hairless Terrier Club of America to keep the breed's stud book open.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to keep the American Hairless Terrier Stud Book open until January 1, 2031.

Borzoi Breed Standard Correction

The Borzoi Club of America, Inc. (BCOA) submitted a request to make a correction to the breed standard. In 1972 the word "broad" referencing hocks, was inadvertently omitted from the text of the proposed standard.

Staff recommended that the Board approve BCOA's request at this meeting and make the correction to the Borzoi standard at the next printing of the Hound Standards.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Dr. Knight, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedure to immediately consider the correction to the Borzoi standard.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Dr. Garvin the Board VOTED (unanimously) to make a correction to the breed standard to insert the word "broad" referencing hocks, which was inadvertently omitted from the text of the proposed standard.

Parent Club Request to Retire Bizzeeboots (Old English Sheepdog)

The Old English Sheepdog Club of America has requested, on behalf of the owners, the retirement of the kennel name "Bizzeeboots".

This will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

Government Relations (GR) Update

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary and VP, Government Relations, provided the Board with an update on legislative and regulatory matters.

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events, Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events, and Douglas Hurley, Director of Agility, joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Request For Dalmatians to Participate in Herding Events

The Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) has submitted a request to allow Dalmatians to participate in AKC Herding events.

The purpose of the AKC Herding program is to preserve and develop the herding skills inherent in the Herding breeds and to demonstrate they can perform the useful functions for which they were originally bred. Over their long history, there is some evidence of Dalmatians being used as a multi-purpose farm dog, including for herding. The breed

has demonstrated its herding skill in other organization's events.

Staff recommended approving the request from DCA to allow Dalmatians to participate in herding events.

This action pertains to the *AKC Herding Regulations* and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, it would become effective when the programming is completed to allow the breed to earn Herding titles.

This will be discussed further at the February 2026 Board meeting.

Change to Agility Regulations to Allow Frameless Tire

The Board considered a staff recommendation to change *AKC Agility Regulations* to add the frameless tire as an optional piece of equipment in the ISC classes only. This would include standalone events or similar FCI events as an optional piece of equipment.

Unlike the current AKC tire (a fully enclosed, breakable ring suspended in a frame), the frameless tire lacks an external frame, having the tire mounted directly to the support uprights. Its adoption in AKC ISC events would align the program more closely with FCI practices, provide consistent experience for competitors preparing for international competition, and allow for increased variety in ISC course design.

If approved by the Board, these changes would become effective March 1, 2026

This will be discussed further at the February 2026 Board meeting.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation; Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP, Sport Services; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Mark Desrosiers, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Mississippi Valley Kennel Club

Staff updated the Board on the Conformation events approved to be held by Mississippi Valley Kennel Club and Missouri Rhineland Kennel Club in May 2026.

Impact of Allowing Monorchid Dogs to Compete in Conformation

Pursuant to a request at the October 2025 Board meeting, staff provided the Board with research regarding the potential impact of allowing monorchid dogs to compete in Conformation.

National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) Revisions

Pursuant to a request at the October 2025 Board meeting, staff reported to the Board on potential revisions to the NOHS program.

Encouraging NOHS exhibitors to continue to participate is important to the future of Conformation. Staff is supportive of an initiative approved by the Board in 2025 to award NOHS Levels of Achievement titles. This initiative is currently in the queue for programming.

Fines and Reprimands

Staff updated the Board on recent fines and reprimands.

(Fines and reprimands are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

Events & Entries

Staff updated the Board on event and entry numbers.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events and Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Conformation Judging Statistics

Staff updated the Board on statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the Department during the preceding three months. The following is the list of New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed (AB) applicants whose applications were presented for final approval from October through December 2025.

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2025 YEAR END**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
NB	75	74	1	1	0	1	148	146	0
AB	422	403	13	5	0	4	1978	1939	6
TOTAL	497	477	14	6	0	5	2126	2085	6

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2025 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
February	8	8	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
March	14	14	0	0	0	0	20	20	0
April	5	5	0	0	0	0	38	38	0
May	4	4	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
June	3	2	1	0	0	0	6	5	0
July	4	4	0	0	0	0	11	11	0
August	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
September	7	7	0	0	0	1 ^d	14	14	1 ^d
October	11	11	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
November	6	6	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
December	9	8	0	1	0	0	13	12	0
NB TOTAL	75	73	1	1	0	1^d	148	146	0

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2025 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	8	8	0	0	0	0	33	33	0
February	43	40	2	1	0	0	207	201	0
March	36	35	0	1	0	0	192	189	0
April	43	42	1	0	0	0	183	182	0
May	43	38	5	0	0	1 ^a	203	192	2 ^a
June	30	27	2	1	0	1 ^b	147	140	1 ^b
July	26	24	1	0	0	0	116	115	0
August	43	41	1	1	0	1 ^c	190	185	9 ^c
September	41	41	0	0	0	0	188	188	0
October	45	43	1	1	0	0	224	219	0
November	37	37	0	0	0	0	164	164	0
December	27	27	0	0	0	1 ^c	131	131	6 ^c
AB TOTAL	422	403	13	5	0	4	1978	1939	6

CLUBS

Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Report on Member Club Bylaw Approved Adding Junior Membership
Beaver County Kennel Club, Beaver County, PA (1956)

Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in November and December

German Shepherd Dog Club of America (1913)
 Finnish Spitz Club of America (1993)
 Kuvasz Club of America (1991)
 Montgomery County Kennel Club, Norristown, PA (1911)
 Mountaineer Kennel Club, Monongalia County, WV (1974)

Report On Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in November and December

Agility Club of Aiken County, Wagener, SC (including communities north to Blythewood, southwest to Barnwell and east to Columbia), 22 total households, 21 local.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Herding Group Club, Gulfport, MS (including communities west to Interstate 59 (including Slidell and Pearl River, LA), north to Wiggins, MS and east along Interstate 26 to Semmes, AL), 35 total households, 17 local.

Sailfish Capital Agility Club of Florida, Stuart, FL (including communities of Port St. Lucie and Palm City), 20 total households, 13 local.

Toy Dog Club of Indiana, greater Indianapolis, IN (including communities northeast to Angola, southwest to Springville, east of Routes 31/67 and Interstate 69, south to Route 50), 25 total households, 12 local.

COMPLIANCE

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Manager, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

Approval of Annual Fees

The *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.* require that the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to Article XII, Section 1, as well as deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7.

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1, is \$625. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7 of the AKC Bylaws, is \$250.

Staff recommends that these deposits be changed to \$675 for Article XII, Section 1 complaints and \$275 for an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board effective immediately.

This will be discussed further at the February 2026 Board meeting.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Pursuant to a request at the November Board meeting, staff provided an overview of discipline and the penalties associated with violations to the Code of Sportsmanship and Civility Enforcement Policy.

Staff Event Committee Report of Actions Taken

The Board received a report of actions taken.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Non-Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of charges preferred.

Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Inappropriate Treatment

The Board received a report of charges preferred.

Summary of Finalized Disciplinary Actions as of November 26, 2025

The Board received a report of finalized disciplinary actions as of November 26, 2025.

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

CONSENT

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following consent agenda items:

Peruvian Inca Orchid Eligibility to Compete in the Hound Group

The Peruvian Inca Orchid Club of the United States submitted a petition seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the Peruvian Inca Orchid to be eligible to compete in the Hound Group. The Board VOTED to approve the petition, breed standard and eligibility to compete in the Hound Group effective January 1, 2027.

Miniature Bull Terrier Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. (MBTCA), submitted the results of its membership ballot for proposed revisions to the breed standard which has not been revised since being recognized by AKC on May 14, 1991. The primary change is color. The Board VOTED to approve the balloted revisions with an effective date of April 1, 2026. (See Appendix A.)

Delegate and Club Approvals

Mark Brandsema

To represent Delaware County Kennel Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: November, December 2025

Mary Miller
To represent Lexington Kennel Club
Published in *AKC Gazette*: November, December 2025

Ricki V. Silveria
To represent Siberian Husky Club of America
Published in *AKC Gazette*: November, December 2025

Alan Welch, Esq.
To represent Kennel Club of Philadelphia
Published in *AKC Gazette*: November, December 2025

Approved for AKC Membership

Oak Ridge Kennel Club

Households/Local: 106 HH/15L (Oak Ridge, TN/Knox County excluding Knoxville)

1st Licensed Show: April 1, 1947

Published in *AKC Gazette*: November, December 2025

NEW BUSINESS

Report of the Retirement Plans Committee

Ms. Wallin, Chair of the Retirement Plans Committee, provided an update on the status of AKC Retirement Plans funding.

Report of the Audit Committee

Mr. Tatro, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided an update on recent audit reporting.

AKC November 2026 Board Meeting

Following a motion by Mr. Fugiwara, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the majority of the Board VOTED to change the November Board meeting date to November 5-6, 2026 and to hold the Board meeting at the Raleigh, North Carolina office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

It was VOTED (unanimously) to adjourn on Tuesday, January 13, at 11:48 Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary

Appendix A

Current Miniature Bull Terrier Breed Standard	Proposed Miniature Bull Terrier Breed Standard
<p>General Appearance: The Miniature Bull Terrier must be strongly built, symmetrical and active, with a keen, determined and intelligent expression. He should be full of fire, having a courageous, even temperament and be amenable to discipline.</p> <p>Size, Proportion, Substance: Height 10 to 14 inches. Dogs outside these limits should be faulted. Weight in proportion to height. In proportion, the Miniature Bull Terrier should give the appearance of being square.</p> <p>Head: The head should be long, strong and deep, right to the end of the muzzle, but not coarse. The full face should be oval in outline and be filled completely up, giving the impression of fullness with a surface devoid of hollows or indentations, i.e., egg shaped. The profile should curve gently downwards from the top of the skull to the tip of the nose. The forehead should be flat across from ear to ear. The distance from the tip of the nose to the eyes should be perceptibly greater than that from the eyes to the top of the skull. The underjaw should be deep and well defined. To achieve a keen, determined and intelligent expression, the eyes should be well sunken and as dark as possible with a piercing glint. They should be small, triangular and obliquely placed, set near together and high up on the dog's head. The ears should be small, thin and placed close together, capable of being held stiffly erect when they point upwards. The nose should be black, with well developed nostrils bent downwards at the tip. The lips should be clean and tight. The teeth should meet in either a level or scissor bite. In the scissor bite, the top teeth should fit in front of and closely against the lower teeth. The teeth should be sound, strong and perfectly regular.</p>	<p>General Appearance: The Miniature Bull Terrier must be strongly built, symmetrical and active, with a keen, determined and intelligent expression. He should be full of fire, having a courageous, even temperament and be amenable to discipline.</p> <p>Size, Proportion, Substance: <u>Miniature Bull Terriers should be of correct size, compact, strongly built, with maximum bone and substance for their size while at all times appearing balanced.</u> In proportion, the Miniature Bull Terrier should give the appearance of being <u>just off square, measuring from breastbone to rear of thigh – slightly longer than tall. Height 10 to 14 inches as measured from the withers to the ground.</u></p> <p>Head: The <i>head</i> should be long, strong and deep, right to the end of the <i>muzzle</i>, but not coarse. The full face should be oval in outline and be filled completely up, giving the impression of fullness with a surface devoid of hollows or indentations, i.e., egg shaped. The profile should curve gently downwards from the top of the <i>skull</i> to the tip of the nose. The <u>top of the skull</u> should be flat across from ear to ear. The distance from the tip of the nose to the eyes should be perceptibly greater than that from the eyes to the top of the skull. The underjaw should be deep and well defined. To achieve a keen, determined, and intelligent expression, the <i>eyes</i> should be well sunken and as dark as possible with a piercing glint. They should be small, <u>dark</u>, triangular and obliquely placed, set high up on the dog's head, <u>placed closer to the ears than to the nose.</u> <u>Blue eye(s) are a disqualification.</u> The <i>ears</i> should be small, thin, and placed close together, capable of being held stiffly erect. The <i>nose</i> should be black <u>and</u> bent downwards at the tip. The <i>lips</i> should be clean and tight. The <i>teeth</i> should meet in either a level or scissor bite <u>with correctly placed canines.</u> The teeth should be</p>

Neck, Topline, Body: The neck should be very muscular, long, and arched; tapering from the shoulders to the head, it should be free from loose skin. The back should be short and strong with a slight arch over the loin. Behind the shoulders there should be no slackness or dip at the withers. The body should be well rounded with marked spring of rib. ~~The back ribs deep.~~ The chest should be broad when viewed from in front. There should be great depth from withers to brisket, so that the latter is nearer to the ground than the belly. The underline, from the brisket to the belly, should form a graceful upward curve. The tail should be short, ~~set on low,~~ fine, and ~~should be~~ carried horizontally. It should be thick where it joins the body, and should taper to a fine point.

Forequarters: The shoulders should be strong and muscular, but without heaviness. The shoulder blades ~~should be wide and flat and there should be a very pronounced backward slope from the bottom edge of the blade to the top edge.~~ The legs should be big boned but not to the point of coarseness. The forelegs should be of moderate length, perfectly straight, and the dog must stand firmly up on them. The elbows must turn neither in nor out, and the pasterns should be strong and upright.

Hindquarters: The hind legs should be parallel when viewed from behind. ~~The thighs are very muscular with hocks well let down. The stifle joint is well bent with a well developed second thigh. The hind pasterns should be short and upright.~~ Feet: The feet are round and compact with well arched toes like a cat.

Coat: The coat should be short, flat and harsh to the touch with a fine gloss. The dog's skin should

sound, strong and perfectly regular. While correct dentition is desirable, it should never be considered more important than the traits of the breed outlined in this standard.

Neck, Topline, Body: The *neck* should be very muscular, long, and arched; tapering from the shoulders to the head, it should be free from loose skin. The *back* should be short and strong with a slight arch over the loin. Behind the shoulders there should be no slackness or dip at the withers. The *body* should be well rounded with marked spring of rib and short coupled. The chest should be broad when viewed from the front. There should be great depth from withers to brisket, so that the latter is nearer to the ground than the belly. The underline, from the brisket to the belly, should form a graceful upward curve. The *tail* should be short, set on just below topline, and carried horizontally. It should be thick where it joins the body and taper to a fine point.

Forequarters: The shoulders should be strong and muscular, but without heaviness. The shoulder blade/scapula should be laid back and approximately the same length as the upper arm/humerus. When viewed from the side the elbow should be directly below the highest point of the shoulder. The legs should be big boned but not to the point of coarseness. The forelegs should be of moderate length, perfectly straight, and the dog must stand firmly upon them. The elbows must turn neither in nor out, and the pasterns should be strong and upright. The *feet* are round and compact with well- arched toes like a cat.

Hindquarters: The hind legs should be parallel when viewed from behind. The thigh and second thigh are very muscular and well-developed. The stifle joint and hock are well angulated with hind pasterns short and upright.

Coat: The coat should be straight, short, flat and harsh to the touch with a fine gloss. The dog's skin should fit tightly.

<p>fit tightly.</p> <p>Color: For white, pure white coat. Markings on head and skin pigmentation are not to be penalized. For colored, any color to predominate.</p> <p>Gait: The dog shall move smoothly, covering the ground with free, easy strides. Fore and hind legs should move parallel to each other when viewed from in front or behind, with the forelegs reaching out well and the hind legs moving smoothly at the hip and flexing well at the stifle and hock. The dog should move compactly and in one piece but with a typical jaunty air that suggests agility and power.</p> <p>Temperament: The temperament should be full of fire and courageous, but even and amenable to discipline.</p> <p>Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points shall be considered a fault, and the seriousness of the fault shall be in exact proportion to its degree</p>	<p>Color: For white, pure white coat. Markings on head and skin pigmentation are not to be penalized. For colored, any allowed color to predominate. <u>Allowed colors: Brindle, Black Brindle, Black and Tan, Red, Fawn - with or without white and/or smut markings. Any other color is a disqualification.</u></p> <p>Gait: The dog shall move smoothly, covering the ground with free, easy strides. Fore and hind legs should move parallel to each other when viewed from in front or behind, with the forelegs reaching out well and the hind legs moving smoothly at the hip and flexing well at the stifle and hock. The dog should move compactly and in one piece but with a typical jaunty air that suggests agility and power.</p> <p>Temperament: The temperament should be full of fire and courageous, but even and amenable to discipline.</p> <p>Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points shall be considered a fault, and the seriousness of the fault shall be in exact proportion to its degree.</p> <p><u>Disqualifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Blue eye(s).</u> • <u>Any color other than allowed.</u>
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