

Kennel Club Standard

The Pomeranian Breed Standard

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GENERAL APPEARANCE: Compact, short coupled dog, well knit in frame. Exhibiting great intelligence in expression; activity and buoyance in deportment.

CHARACTERISTICS: Sound, vivacious and dainty.

TEMPERAMENT: Extrovert, lively and intelligent.

HEAD AND SKULL: Head and nose foxy in outline, skull flat, large in proportion to muzzle which finishes finely and free from lippiness. Nose black in white, orange and shaded sable dogs; brown in chocolate tipped sable dogs, but in other colours may be "self-coloured", never part-coloured or flesh.

EYES: Medium size, slightly oval, not full, not set too wide apart; bright, dark and showing great intelligence. In white, orange, shaded and cream dogs rims black.

EARS: Small, not set too wide apart, not too low down, but carried perfectly erect.

MOUTH: Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, ie. the upper teeth closely over-lapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK: Rather short and well set into shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS: Shoulders clean and well laid back. Fine boned legs, perfectly straight, of medium length in due proportion to size of dog.

BODY: Back short, body compact well ribbed up, barrel well rounded. Chest fairly deep, not too wide but in proportion to size of dog.

HINDQUARTERS: Fine boned, legs neither cow-hocked nor wide behind; medium angulation.

FEET: Small, compact and cat like.

TAIL: Characteristic of the breed, high set, turned over back and carried flat and straight,

profusely covered with long, harsh, spreading hair.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Free moving, brisk and buoyant.

COAT: Two coats, an under-coat and an outer-coat. Former soft and fluffy, the latter long, perfectly straight, harsh in texture and covering whole of body; very abundant round neck and fore part of shoulders and chest; forming frill extending over shoulders. Forequarters well feathered, thighs and hindlegs well feathered to hocks.

COLOURS: All colour permissible, but free from black or white shadings. Whole colours are: White, black, brown, light or dark, blue as pale as possible. Orange which should be as self-coloured and bright as possible. Beaver. Cream dogs have black noses and black eye rims round eyes. White must be quite free from lemon or any other colours. A few white hairs, in any of the self-coloured dogs permissible but undesirable. Dogs (other than white) with white or tan markings highly undesirable and not considered whole coloured specimens. In parti-coloured dogs, colours evenly distributed on body in patches; a dog with white or tan feet or chest not a parti-coloured dog. Shaded sables should be shaded throughout with three or more colours, the hair to be as uniformly shaded as possible, and with no patches of self colour. In mixed classes, where whole coloured and part-coloured Pomeranians compete together, the preference should, if in all other points they are equal, be given to the whole coloured specimens.

SIZE: Ideal weights, Dogs: 1.8 - 2 kgs (4 - 4.5lbs). Bitches: 2.00 - 2.25kgs (4.5 - 5.5lbs).

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.

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

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