

***BREED***  
***DISQUALIFICATIONS***

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The following disqualifications apply to all breeds...

The judge shall disqualify a dog if in his/her opinion:

- It is blind in one or both eyes
- It is deaf
- Is a castrated male or a spayed female, or
- Has a fault miscellaneous as a disqualification in its breed standard.

In the event of any contradiction between a Breed Standard and the provisions of the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, it is the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations that take precedence.



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**GROUP I - SPORTING DOGS****Barbet**

- Aggressive dog
- Overshot or undershot jaw

**Braque Français (Gascogne)**

- Black nose, split nose
- Black specks or black hairs scattered over the coat

**Braque Français (Pyrenees)**

- Black nose, split nose
- Traces of black in the coat

**Griffon (Wire-Haired Pointing)**

- Black coat and/or nose colour
- Overshot, undershot or wry mouth
- Ectropion, entropion, walleyed
- Tailless, short tail
- Monorchid, cryptorchid
- Absence of undercoat

**Lagotto Romagnolo**

- Overshot mouth
- Depigmented nose
- Walleye
- Rope-like coat

**Pointer (German Long-Haired)**

- Black, red and pure white with only little markings

**Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)**

- Specimens lacking in breed characteristics
- Teeth overshot or undershot
- Coat curly or with a tendency to curl all over the body
- Feathering on the tail or legs over 4.5 cm (1.75 in)
- Black coloured
- White on any part of the body except breast, belly, toes or back of feet

**Retriever (Golden)**

- Deviation in height of more than 2.5 cm (1 in) from standard either way
- Undershot or overshot bite. This condition not to be confused with misalignment of teeth.

**Retriever (Labrador)**

- Any colour other than black, yellow or chocolate
- Any diluted colour or any combination of colours other than as described

**Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)**

- White on shoulders, around ears, on back of neck, across back or flanks
- Silvery coat, grey in coat, black areas in coat
- Lack of webbing
- Undershot bite, wry mouth
- In adult classes, any shyness
- Butterfly nose
- Overshot by more than 3 mm (0.125 in)
- Any colour other than red or orange shades

**Spaniel (American Cocker)**

- Blacks and ASCOBs: White markings except on chest and throat
- Particolour: 90% or more of primary colour
- Tan Points: Tan markings in excess of 10%
- Absence of tan markings in the black or ASCOB variety in each of the specified locations in an otherwise tan-pointed dog
- Height: Dogs over 39.25 cm (15.5); bitches over 36.75 cm (14.5 in)
- Blue eyes or merle pattern in any colour

**Spaniel (American Water)**

- Yellow eyes

**Spaniel (Brittany)**

- Any Brittany Spaniel measuring under 44.5 cm (17.5 in) or over 52 cm (20.5 in)
- Any black in the coat
- A nose so dark in colour as to appear black

**Spaniel (Clumber)**

- Any colour other than white with lemon or white with orange

**Spaniel (French)**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Overshot or undershot by more than 1.5 mm (0.0625 in)
- Wry mouth
- Any teeth missing (except PM1)
- Eyes of a different colour (bi-eyed)
- Eye surrounded by white hair
- Ear entirely or partially covered with white feathering, or triangular
- Head entirely white
- Any other colour than white and brown
- Depigmentation (severely flesh-coloured nose and/or eyelids)
- Size outside the limits of the standard: Dogs over 63 cm (24.75 in) or under 55 cm (21.75 in); bitches over 61 cm (24 in) or under 52 cm (20.5 in)

**Spaniel (Sussex)**

- More than 2.5 cm (1 in) over or under recommended height
- More than 4.5 kg (10 lb) under recommended weight after the age of one year
- Any colour other than as outlined

**Spinone Italiano**

- Upper cranial-facial axes convergent
- Total depigmentation of the nose
- Concave nasal bridge
- Overshot or accentuated undershot mouth
- Walleye
- Black pigmentation of the skin or the mucous membranes
- Coat tricoloured, tan markings, black in all combinations

**Vizsla (Smooth)**

- A dog 5 cm (2 in) or more over or under the standard height
- White markings over 5 cm (2 in) on the chest or white markings anywhere else other than the chest

**Vizsla (Wire-Haired)**

- More than 1 cm (0.4 in) over or under the correct size range
- Mixed colours
- White feet, white mark on chest exceeding 5 cm (2 in)
- Cream or brown colour
- Spotted or black nose
- Drooping eyelids, showing haw
- Pendant flews
- Long coat
- Undershot or overshot more than 2 mm (0.075 in)

**Weimaraner**

- A distinctly blue or black coat

## **GROUP I – SPORTING DOGS**

### **Miscellaneous & Other Breeds**

#### **Braque d’Auvergne**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities
- Head:
  - Lack of “braque” type
  - Undershot or overshot with more than 1 mm (0.04 in) gap between the incisive arcades
  - Lack of first premolars is tolerated. The lack of 2 other premolars (PM2 or PM3) or of any other tooth including PM4 is eliminatory
  - Eversion or inversion of eyelids or traces of corrective intervention
  - Dudley nose
  - Unpigmented eye rims
  - Yellow eye (said “hawk eye”), walleyes
- Coat:
  - Entirely black or entirely white
  - Absence of flecking
  - Tawny marks or “burnt bread” (fawn) glints
- Size:
  - Outside of standard defined limits – official tolerance +2 cm (0.75 in) and -1 cm (-0.4 in)

**GROUP II – HOUNDS****Azawakh**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities
- Lack of type
- Overly small chest and extreme general thinness
- Underbite or overbite
- Nose, eyelids and lips other than black or dark brown
- Light eyes or blue eyes
- Rose ears
- Hips lower than withers
- Non-accidental anatomical deformation (e.g., asymmetrical junction of the ribs at the sternum)
- Wired or semi-long coat
- Non-standard coat colours (invasive white, white collar, brindle other than black). Beware of diluted colours such as blue, lilac.
- Every dog that shows traces of a surgical intervention meant to correct or repair an esthetical or morphological fault will be excluded.
- Size deviating more than 3 cm (1.25 in) from the standard

**Basset Hound**

- Unsoundness in lets or feet should absolutely disqualify a hound from taking a prize.

**Beagle**

- Any hound measuring more than 38 cm (15 in)

**Bloodhound**

- Any colour other than black and tan, liver and tan, or red

**Coonhound (Black & Tan)**

- White on chest or other parts of the body if it exceeds 4 cm (1.5 in) in diameter.

**Deerhound (Scottish)**

- A white blaze on the head or a white collar

**Foxhound (English)**

- Pig-mouth (overshot) or undershot.

**Ibizan Hound**

- Black or brown pigment in skin or coat, indicating a lack of breed purity
- Any colour other than red, lion or white

**Norwegian Elkhound**

- Pronounced variation from grey colour

**Shikoku**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Extremely overshot or undershot bite
- Ears not pricked
- Hanging tail, short tail
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

**Whippet**

- An undershot mouth
- Any coat type other than as described in the standard

**GROUP II – HOUNDS****Miscellaneous & Other Breeds****Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen**

- Solid colour

**Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small, Medium & Large)**

- Albinism
- Dwarfism
- Wry mouth
- Merle pattern
- Overshot or undershot bite
- Aggressive and/or overly shy
- Tailless, bobbed tail or docked tail
- Hanging or cropped ear, one or both

***Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small, Medium & Large) – cont'd***

- Cryptorchidism (unilateral or bilateral)
- Different colour eyes (heterochromatic)
- Any coated dog missing two or more teeth
- Height: Under 25 cm (9.75 in) or over 65 cm (25.5 in)
- Any hairless dog that is clearly more than 20% depigmented
- Any dog clearly showing physical and/or behavioural abnormalities
- Paralyzed tongue – i.e., tongue hanging out of the mouth while not panting
- The presence of hair on a hairless dog on parts of the body not indicated in the standard

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**GROUP III – WORKING DOGS****Akita**

- Monorchids or cryptorchids
- Viciousness, instability
- Excessively over/undershot
- Uncurled or sickle tail
- Albinos
- Butterfly nose
- Drop or broken ears
- Entropion or ectropion
- Long coats
- Males under 63.5 cm (25 in); bitches under 58.5 cm (23 in)
- Altering of coat or general appearance by scissoring or clipping

**Alaskan Malamute**

- Blue eyes

**Bernese Mountain Dog**

- Cryptorchid or monorchid dogs
- Split nose
- Absent markings described in compulsory markings
- White neck ring
- Blue eye
- Ground colour other than black

**Black Russian Terrier**

- Strong deviation from the described type
- Bitchy dog
- Any number of missing teeth other than first premolar (as described under Faults above); any deviation from scissors bite
- Amber eye, bird eye
- Nose colour other than black
- Coat colour other than black or black with scattered grey hairs
- Dogs having one or both testicles undescended
- Shyness at maturity
- Unprovoked aggression towards people

**Boxer**

- Boxers with white ground colour, entirely white or any other colour other than fawn or two types of brindle
- White markings that exceed one-third of the ground colour

**Bullmastiff**

- Liver mask
- No mask
- Yellow eyes

**Canadian Eskimo Dog**

- Blue eyes
- Floppy ears, the exception being battle torn ears
- Clipping or altering the coat by scissoring
- No evidence at all of a curled or upright tail in male dogs (recognizing that a tail may occasionally be kept down as a sign of subordination or stress)
- Excessive undershot or overshot jaw

**Doberman Pinscher**

- Shyness, viciousness
- Overshot more than 4.75 mm (0.1875 in), undershot more than 3.25 mm (0.125 in)
- Four or more missing teeth
- Dogs not of an allowed colour

**Dogue de Bordeaux**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Long, narrow head with insufficiently pronounced top, with a muzzle measuring more than a third of the total length of the head (lack of type in head)
- Muzzle parallel to the top line of the skull or downfaced, Roman nose
- Twisted jaw
- Mouth not undershot
- Canines constantly visible when the mouth is closed

- Tongue constantly hanging out when the mouth is closed
- Blue eyes, bulging eyes
- Tail knotted and literally deviated or twisted (screw tail, kink tail)
- Atrophied tail
- Fiddle front and down on pasterns
- Angle of the hock open towards the rear (inverted hock)
- White on the head or body, any other colour of the coat than fawn (shaded or not) and in particular brindle or solid brown called “chocolate” (each hair being entirely brown)
- Identifiable disabling defect
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

### **Eurasier**

- Nervousness, shyness, excessive suspiciousness, aggression
- Ears which flap or pendulous ears
- Distichiasis (eyelashes arranged in two lines), ectropion, entropion, eyes set too deep or eyes too small
- Single or more incisor or canine tooth missing; single or more premolars 3 or 4 missing, or single or more molars 1 or 2, anomalies in bite
- Kinky tail
- Strong lack of pigment
- Lack of correct gender characteristics

### **Great Dane**

- Danes under minimum height: Dogs, 76.25 cm (30 in); bitches, 71 cm (28 in)
- Any colour other than those described under “Colour”
- Docked tails
- Split noses

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog**

- Serious faults in temperament (fear, aggressiveness)
- Overshot or undershot mouth, wry mouth
- Entropion, ectropion
- One or two blue eyes (walleye)
- Short coat without undercoat
- Long coat
- Other than tricolour coat
- Main colour other than black
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

**Greenland Dog**

- Albinos

**Hovawart**

- Dogs that do not conform to the impression of original breed type.
- Distinctly “doggy” bitches
- Distinctly “bitchy” dogs
- Distinctly differing body proportions than those quoted in the standard
- Aggressive, anxious, gun-shy or lethargic dogs
- Lacking stop
- Blue eye or walleye
- Erect, tipped ears, rose ear, offstanding ears
- Undershot, overshot or wry mouth
- Absence of more than 2 of the 4 PM 1 or the 2 M3, or absence of any other tooth
- Distinct dewlap or very throaty
- Pronounced sway or roach back
- Narrow or barrel-shaped chest
- Abnormal tail, tail much too short, pronounced ring tail
- Much too high in hindquarters (overbuilt)
- Predominantly curly coat (ring curls)
- Undersize. Oversize by more than 2.5 cm (1 in)

### *Colours*

- All colours not conforming to the standard – e.g., blue grey, deer colour, brown, white, patched, blond with smutty touch or predominantly banded hair
- White patches. Single white hairs on the inside of the upper thighs are not a disqualifying fault.

### *Black/Gold Dogs*

- Grey or brown patches other than the correct markings
- Undercoat predominantly of another colour than black
- Predominantly grey or whitish markings

### *Black Dogs*

- Grey or brown patches
- Undercoat predominantly of another colour than black

### *Blond Dogs*

- Some single white hairs on the nasal bridge are not a disqualifying fault
- Red-blond colour throughout without getting lighter
- Whitish-blond colour, also on ears
- Distinctly white markings
- Dark patches or dark mask

### **Karelian Bear Dog**

- Overshot or undershot
- Wall, blue or bi-eyes
- Ears hanging or drooping tips, unless caused through field injury
- Any other colour or combinations other than aforementioned
- Aggressiveness towards people
- Extreme shyness or timidity

**Komondor**

- Blue-white eyes
- Colour other than white

**Kuvasz**

- Aggressive or overly shy (not to be confused with reserved or aloof), extreme nervousness or fearfulness
- Overly pronounced stop, very uncharacteristic head.
- Lack of pigment on nose leather, lips, rims of eyelids.
- Entropion, Ectropion
- Missing teeth: Any missing canines. Any missing incisors. Any missing from molars 1 (M1) and 2 (M2). Any missing from premolar 2 (PM2) to 4 (PM4). More than 2 premolar 1s (PM1) missing. Molars 3 (M3) are disregarded.
- Anything other than a scissors bite
- Pricked ears
- Tail that is raised above topline in repose or curled over back.
- Any departure from the permitted colours (white and/or ivory)
- Legs, feet and ears covered by long hair
- Body coat that is straight-haired (flat), open, short, or wire-haired, stiff, splintery, or coats tending to be shaggy and matting.
- Males smaller than 68 cm (26.75 in); bitches smaller than 63 cm (24.75 in)

**Leonberger**

- Any coat colour other than those listed; this includes solid brown with brown nose and brown pads, grey, silver, solid black, and black and tan colouring
- Complete lack of mask
- Overshot more than 5 mm (0.2 in) and undershot more than 3.25 mm (0.125 in)
- Two or more missing teeth, other than M3s
- Severe anatomical faults

- Males without two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum

### **Neapolitan Mastiff**

- Overshot mouth
- Accentuated convergence or divergence of the facial-cranial axes
- Topline of muzzle concave or convex or very aquiline (Roman nose)
- Total depigmentation of nose
- Walleye
- Total depigmentation of both rims of eyelids
- Cross-eyed
- Absence of wrinkles, folds and dewlap
- Absence of tail whether congenital or artificial
- Extensive white patches; white markings on the head

### **Newfoundland**

- Bad temperament
- Short, flat coat (Labrador Retriever type)
- Markings of any other colour than white on a black dog
- Any colours other than the traditional black, or Landseer (white and black)

### **Portuguese Water Dog**

- Colour other than those mentioned
- Coat other than those mentioned
- Overshot or undershot jaws
- Over or under height
- Flesh-coloured or discoloured nose

### **Rottweiler**

- Overshot, undershot or wry bite
- Missing tooth
- Long coat
- Any base colour other than black
- Total absence of markings

**Samoyed**

- Any colour other than white, biscuit, white and biscuit, white and cream, cream
- Blue eyes

**Schnauzer (Giant)**

- Overshot, undershot
- The judge shall dismiss from the ring any shy or vicious Giant Schnauzer.

**Schnauzer (Standard)**

- Adult dogs that are in excess of 50.75 cm (20 in) or less than 45.75 cm (18 in) and adult bitches that are in excess of 48.25 cm (19 in), or less than 43.25 cm (17 in) in height.

**Siberian Husky**

- Dogs over 59.75 cm (23.5 in) at the withers and/or over 27.25 kg (60 lb). Bitches over 56 cm (22 in) at the withers and/or over 22.75 kg (50 lb).
- Monorchid or cryptorchid
- The patterns brindle or merle

**Tibetan Mastiff**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Undershot or overshot mouth
- All other colours than above mentioned – e.g., white, cream, grey, brown (liver), lilac, brindle, particolours

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**GROUP III – WORKING DOGS**  
**Miscellaneous & Other Breeds****Cane Corso**

- Axes of the muzzle and the skull diverging
- Overshot mouth
- Bridge of nose resolutely hollow, ram's nose
- Nose: Total depigmentation
- Eyes: Partial and bilateral palpebral depigmentation, walleye, bilateral strabismus
- Tail: A natural tail that is atrophied or a natural tail that is knotted and laterally deviated or twisted
- Hair: Semi-long, smooth, fringed
- Colour: All colours not indicated in the standard; white patches too large

**Yakutian Laika**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Males in feminine type
- Overshot, undershot with a gap (any gap is unacceptable), wry jaw
- Total depigmentation of nose, eye rims or lips
- Any solid colour except of white
- Short (smooth) hair

**GROUP IV – TERRIERS****Bull Terrier**

- Deafness
- Blue eyes

**Fox Terrier (Smooth)**

- Nose white, cherry or spotted to a considerable extent with either of these colours
- Ears prick, tulip or rose
- Mouth much undershot, or much overshot

**Glen of Imaal Terrier**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Black-and-tan colour
- Narrow foreface

**Irish Terrier**

- Nose any other colour than black
- Mouth much undershot or overshot
- Ears cropped
- Any other colour than red, golden red or red wheaten
- A small patch of white on the chest is permissible; otherwise, particoloured coats disqualify.

**Kerry Blue Terrier**

- Solid black
- Faking or dyeing

**Lakeland Terrier**

- The front teeth overshot or undershot

**Parson Russell Terrier**

- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

**Rat Terrier**

- Any dog over six month of age measuring less than 25.5 cm (10 in) or over 45.75 cm (18 in)
- Any blue colour in the eye

- Cropped ears
- An absence of coat (genetic hairlessness)
- Any suggestion of kink or curl, or coat type other than described
- Solid colouration (other than white)
- Bicolours without white, or dogs with a patch or strip of white measuring less than 2.5 cm (1 in) at its widest dimension
- Brindle or merle colour patterns

### **Russell Terrier**

- Height under 25.5 cm (10 in) or over 30.5 cm (12 in)
- Prick or semi-prick ears
- Blue eye or eyes
- Overshot, undershot, wry mouth
- Nose: Any colour other than black, not fully pigmented
- Less than 51% white, brindle colouring, any other colour than listed above

### **Schnauzer (Miniature)**

- Dogs or bitches under 30.5 cm (12 in) or over 35.5 cm (14 in)
- Colour solid white or white patches on the body

### **Welsh Terrier**

- Nose white, cherry or spotted to a considerable extent with either of these colours
- Ears prick, tulip or rose
- Undershot jaw or pig-jawed mouth
- Black below hocks or white to a considerable extent

## **GROUP IV – TERRIERS**

### **Miscellaneous & Other Breeds**

#### **American Hairless Terrier**

- Hanging ears
- Bobtail or docked tail on the hairless variety
- In the coated variety: wire, broken or long coat
- Merle colour and albinism

**GROUP V – TOYS****American Eskimo Dog (Toy)**

- Any colour other than white or biscuit cream
- Blue eyes
- Height: Under 22.75 cm (9 in) or over 48.25 cm (19 in)

**Cavalier King Charles Spaniel**

- Colours other than the four above
- Clown faces (white around one or both eyes or white ears)
- Tricolours and Black and Tans lacking tan markings
- Aggression

**Chihuahua (Long Coat & Short Coat)**

- Docked tail
- Broken down or cropped ears
- Merle colour
- Too thin a coat that resembles bareness (Long Coat)

**Griffon (Brussels)**

- Dudley or butterfly nose
- White spot or blaze anywhere on coat
- Hanging tongue
- Jaw overshot

**Havanese**

- Depigmented nose
- Overshot or undershot
- Ectropion, entropion; one or both eye rims totally depigmented
- Size: under 21 cm (8.25 in) or over 29 cm (11.5 in); minimum not applicable to puppies under 12 months

**Italian Greyhound**

- Tan points such as those of the Manchester Terrier
- Brindle

**Japanese Chin**

- In black and whites, a nose any other colour than black
- Any colour, or combination of colours, not listed as allowed

**Miniature Pinscher**

- Under 25.5 cm (10 in) or over 31.75 cm (12.5 in) in height
- Any colour other than listed, specifically light blue and rust, dark blue and rust, blue and tan, fawn and rust, Isabella fawn and fawn with tan points
- Thumb mark (patch of black hair surrounded by rust on the front of the forelegs between the foot and the wrist; on chocolates, the patch is chocolate hair)
- White on any part of dog which exceeds 1.25 cm (0.5 in) in its longest dimension

**Papillon**

- Height under 20.25 cm (8 in) or over 30.5 cm (12 in)
- An all-white dog or a dog with no white

**Pekingese**

- Weight over 6.25 kg (14 lb)
- Albino or liver colour

**Poodle (Toy)**

- Particolours
- Unorthodox clip
- Size: A Poodle over or under the height limits who has been excused at three shows for this reason.

**Pug**

- Wry mouth
- Teeth or tongue showing
- All colours, shades or patterns not described herein shall disqualify.

**Ruskiy Toy**

- Aggressive, overly shy
- Any dogs clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified
- Overshot, pronounced undershot. Absence of 1 canine; absence of more than 2 incisors in either jaw
- Hanging ears
- Short legs
- Many bald patches in short-haired dogs
- Long-haired dogs: Absence of fringes on ears and presence of curly hair
- White coat, white spots on the head, abdomen and above metacarpus; large white patches on chest and throat, presence of brindle markings
- Size over 30 cm (11.75 in) or under 18 cm (7 in)
- Weight less than 1 kg (2.25 lb)

**Toy Fox Terrier**

- Any dog under 21.5 cm (8.5 in) or over 29.25 cm (11.5 in)
- Ears not erect on any dog over six months of age
- Dudley nose
- Undershot, wry mouth, overshot more than 3.25 mm (0.125 in)
- A blaze extending into the eyes or ears
- Any colour combination not stated above. Any dog whose head is more than fifty-percent white. Any dog whose head and body spots are of different colours.

**Toy Manchester Terrier**

- Cropped or cut ears
- White whenever it shall form a patch or stripe measuring as much as 1.25 cm (0.5 in) in its longest dimension
- Weight more than 5.5 kg (12 lb)

**Xoloitzcuintli (Toy)**

- Cropped or drop ears
- Height dogs or bitches under 25 cm (9.75 in) or over 58 cm (22.75 in)
- Docked tail
- Long, soft topknot as with a Chinese Crested Dog
- Absence of one or more testicles

**Yorkshire Terrier**

- Ears held erect by tying the hair into the topknot
- Any adulteration in the colour of the coat by artificial means

**GROUP V – TOYS****Miscellaneous & Other Breeds****Biewer Terrier**

- Head falls that display topknots or roll overs common to other breeds
- Ears not erect or held erect by tying the hair into the ponytail
- Blue eye(s)
- Brown or liver pigmentation of the eye rims, nose, lips and pads
- Head colouring that is blue/black and white
- Head that is one colour
- Body that is all blue/black or all white
- Any other colour or combination of colours other than those that are listed
- Any adulteration in the colour of the coat by artificial means

**Coton du Tulear**

- Lack of type (insufficient breed characteristics which means that the animal on the whole does not sufficiently resemble other examples of the breed)
- Size and weight outside the requirements and tolerance of the standard
- Foreface: Bridge of nose convex

***Coton du Tulear – cont'd***

- Eyes: Bulging, with signs of dwarfism, too light, walleyes
- Ears: Pricked or semi-pricked
- Tail: Not reaching to hock, high set, completely curled (forming a tight ring), carried flat on the back or against the thighs, carried candle like, tailless
- Hair: Atypical, rightly curled, woolly, silky
- Colour: Heavily marked, any marking of a definite black
- Pigmentation: Total lack of pigment on eye rims, nose or lips
- Overshot or undershot mouth with lack of contact between the incisors, vertical gaping of the incisors
- Absence of teeth other than the PM1 or the M3s
- Aggressive or extremely shy specimen

**GROUP VI – NON-SPORTING DOGS****American Eskimo Dog (Miniature & Standard)**

- Any color other than white or biscuit cream
- Blue eyes
- Height: under 28 cm (9 in) or over 48 cm (19 in)

**Bichon Frise**

- Over 30.5 cm (12 in) or under 22.75 cm (9 in)
- Yellow eyes
- Black hair in the coat
- Pink eye rims and/or nose
- Showing aggression by biting or snapping

**Boston Terrier**

- Any solid colour, black and tan, red, mouse colours
- All white, absence of white markings
- Eyes blue in colour or any trace of blue
- Docked tail
- Dudley nose

**Bulldog**

- Dudley or flesh-coloured nose

**Chinese Shar-Pei**

- Pricked ears
- Solid pink tongue
- Absence of a complete tail
- Not a solid colour – i.e., Albino; brindle; particoloured (patches); spotted (including spots, ticked or roaning); tan-pointed pattern (including typical black-and-tan or saddled patterns or shading that has a defined pattern – i.e., distinct butterfly pattern on the chest)

### **Chow Chow**

- For red Chow Chows and black Chow Chows, a nose spotted with pink, streaked with pink, or distinctly any other colour than solid black. For blue Chow Chows and cinnamon Chow Chows, a nose spotted with pink, streaked with pink, or distinctly any other colour than solid dark blue/grey or slate. There shall be no excusal or disqualification of the cream Chow Chow for nose colour. The nose shall not be changed by the use of dye, chalk or other substance.
- Tongue red, pink or obviously spotted with red or pink
- Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which is stiffly carried or stiffly erect, but which breaks over at any point from its base to its tip or which lies parallel to the top of the skull.
- Other than the five acceptable colours described above, any other coat colour or any coat pattern such as, but not limited to, brindle, merle, tricolour or particoloured.

### **Dalmatian**

- Patches are present at birth. A patch is a solid mass of black or liver hair. Patches are appreciably larger than normal-sized spots; they are dense, brilliant in colour and have sharply defined, smooth edges. Large colour masses formed by intermingled or overlapping spots are not patches; such masses should indicate individual spots by uneven edges and/or white hair scattered throughout.
- Tricolours
- Any colour other than liver and white, and black and white
- Undershot or more than 3.25 mm (0.125 in) overshot bite

### **French Bulldog**

- Other than bat ears
- All coat colours and patterns other than those specifically described under the colour section

- All eye colours other than dark, brown or approaching black
- The nose and edges of the flews other than black (except in the case of fawn without a black mask and cream)
- A coat other than short and smooth
- Harelip
- Any cosmetic alteration
- Over 12.75 kg (28 lb) in weight

### **Japanese Akita**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Ears not pricked
- Hanging tail
- Long hair (shaggy)
- Black mask
- Markings on white ground

### **Lhasa Apso**

- Lhasa Apsos over 29.25 cm (11.5 in)

### **Poodle (Miniature & Standard)**

- Particolours
- Unorthodox clip
- Size: A Poodle over or under the height limits who has been excused at three shows for this reason.

### **Schipperke**

- Any colour other than solid black
- Drop or semi-erect ears
- Overshot or undershot mouth

### **Shiba Inu**

- Dogs under 38 cm (15 in) and over 42 cm (16.5 in); females under 34 cm (13.5 in) and over 38 cm (15 in)
- Coat colours other than described
- Ears not pricked
- Tail not carried over back

***Shiba Inu – cont'd***

- Five or more missing teeth, but with the molars (M3) not taken into consideration
- Undershot bite

**Shih Tzu**

- Scissors or overshot bites
- One or two blue eyes

**Xoloitzcuintli (Miniature & Standard)**

- Cropped or drop ears
- Height dogs or bitches under 25 cm (9.75 in) or over 58 cm (22.75 in)
- Docked tail
- Long, soft topknot as with a Chinese Crested Dog
- Absence of one or more testicles

## **GROUP VII – HERDING DOGS**

### **Australian Cattle Dog**

- Mouth: Overshot or undershot jaw
- Yellow eye
- Size: Dogs over 52 cm (20.5 in) or under 44.5 cm (17.5 in) and bitches over 49.5 cm (19.5 in) or under 42 cm (16.5 in)

### **Australian Shepherd**

- Monorchidism and cryptorchidism
- Other than recognized colours
- White body splashes
- Dudley nose
- Undershot bite; overshot bites exceeding 3.25 mm (0.125 in)

### **Belgian Shepherd Dog**

- Viciousness
- Excessive shyness
- Any colour or coat type and colour combination not allowed in the standard
- Ears hanging
- Tail docked or stump
- Dogs under 58.5 cm (23 in) or over 68.5 cm (27 in) in height. Bitches under 53.25 cm (21 in) or over 63.5 cm (25 in) in height.

### **Berger des Pyrenees**

- Any size above or under the limits set by the present standard
- Nose of any colour other than black
- Blue eyes with any coat other than a merle
- Mouth: Over and undershot bite
- Naturally upright standing ears

### **Berger Picard**

- Heights under or over the following: Males under 58 cm (22.75 in) or over 67 cm (26.25 in); bitches under 53 cm (20.75 in) or over 62 cm (24.5 in)

**Berger Picard – cont'd**

- Colour: Solid black or white, harlequin or pied; white spreading too much over the forechest, completely white feet, white patches in the coat in any areas other than those indicated
- Bite: Overshot or undershot with loss of contact of incisors
- Eyes: Wall eyes or yellow eyes
- Ears: Not naturally erect
- Tail: Rudimentary or absent tail

**Briard**

- Adult males under 61 cm (24 in) or over 68.5 cm (27 in). Adult bitches under 56 cm (22 in) and over 65 cm (25.5 in). Measurements taken at the withers.
- Adults with less than 7 cm (2.75 in) length of coat at the shoulder
- White, chestnut or mahogany brown, and bicolours. Extremely washed-out tawny as to appear nearly white. Spotted coat. White blaze. White spot on chest exceeding 2.5 cm (1 in) in diameter.
- Nose any colour other than black
- Eye colour other than black or brown
- Any artifice to make cropped ears stand erect
- Cut or docked tail. Any trace of an operation to rectify tail carriage.
- Nail colour other than black
- Single dewclaws, empty dewclaws, no dewclaws. Lack of two bones, one in each double dewclaw, even if nails are present.

**Finnish Lapphund**

- Over or undershot mouth
- Kinky tail

**German Shepherd Dog**

- Albino characteristics
- Cropped ears
- Hanging ears (as in a hound)
- Docked tails

- Male dogs having one or both testicles undescended (monorchids or cryptorchids)
- White dogs

### **Miniature American Shepherd**

- Under 35.5 cm (14 in) and over 45.75 cm (18 in) for dogs. Under 33 cm (13 in) and over 43.25 cm (17 in) for bitches. *Minimum heights set forth in this standard shall not apply to dogs or bitches under six months of age.*
- Over 50% unpigmented nose leather
- Undershot or overshot
- Other than recognized colours
- White body splashes, which means any conspicuous, isolated spot or patch of white on the area between withers and tail, on back, or sides between elbows and back of hindquarters

### **Mudi**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Flesh-coloured, liver-brown or spotted nose in black, white, blue-merle, fawn or ash-coloured dogs. Flesh-coloured or spotted nose in brown dogs.
- One or more missing teeth (incisors, canines, premolars 2-4, molars 1-2). More than two missing PM1. The M3 are disregarded.
- Overshot or undershot mouth, wry mouth. Gap of more than 2 mm (0.075 in) between upper and lower incisors.
- Yellow eyes in black dogs
- Drop ears
- Short, smooth, flat coat on the body; long hair on the head. Coat tending towards matting.
- Wolf grey colour, black and tan with yellow to brown markings
- Height at the withers below 38 cm (15 in) or over 47 cm (18.5 in)
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

**Portuguese Sheepdog**

- Head: Narrow and long
- Muzzle: Convex
- Jaws: Bad fit
- Skull: Flat, globular or narrow
- Ears: Low set
- Tail: Docked or naturally tailless
- Hair: Not long enough, curled and looped, white on the extremities of the legs or pied
- Size: Dwarfism
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities

**Puli**

- Particolours
- Large markings of any colour other than a white spot on the chest of not more than 2 in (5 cm) in diameter
- Dogs under 33 cm (13 in) or over 50.75 cm (20 in). Bitches under 30.5 cm (12 in) or over 48.25 cm (19 in).
- Colours other than those mentioned as acceptable
- Coats showing no tendency to form cords

**Schapendoes**

- No Schapendoes that behaves nervously and/or aggressively in the ring will be placed or classified.

**Shetland Sheepdog**

- Cryptorchidism in adults over 12 months of age
- A Shetland Sheepdog under 33 cm (13 in) or over 40.75 cm (16 in) that has been excused at three shows for this reason.
- Brindle colour

**Spanish Water Dog**

- Smooth or wavy coat (except in immature dogs as above)
- Albinism, brindle, bicour where the second colour is not white, tan points, tricolour
- Light blue eyes

- Undershot or overshot jaw
- Aggressiveness or extreme shyness

## **GROUP VII – HERDING DOGS**

### **Miscellaneous & Other Breeds**

#### **Appenzeller Sennenhund**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Overshot or undershot mouth
- Entropion, ectropion
- Walleye
- Sickie tail (its tip not reaching the base of the tail), definitely pendent tail; kink tail.
- Other than double coat (moderately short, dense)
- Other than tricoloured coat
- Other than black or Havana brown main colour

#### **Beauceron**

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Size outside the standard limits
- Too light-boned
- Eyes too light, or walleyes (except for harlequins)
- Split nose, or a colour other than black, with unpigmented areas
- Overshot or undershot with loss of contact, absence of three or more teeth (the first premolars not counting)
- Uncropped ears totally upright and rigid
- Rear feet turned excessively to the exterior
- Simple dewclaws or absence of dewclaws in hind legs
- Shortened tail or tail carried over the back
- Coat: Colour and texture other than those defined by the standard. Complete absence of tan markings. Shaggy coat. Well defined, quite visible white spot on chest. For the harlequin variety: too much grey, back on one side and grey on the other, head entirely grey (absence of black)

**Bergamasco Shepherd Dog**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities
- Muzzle (foreface) definitely convex (roman nose) or concave
- Total depigmentation of the nose, lips or eye rims
- Walleyed (mono or bilateral totally depigmented iris), small eye (microphthalmia) or cross-eyed
- Bite: Overshot by more than 0.75 cm (0.25 in) or undershot
- Tailless or stump tail; tail carried rolled over the back
- White coat colour on more than one-fifth the total body

**Pumi**

- One or more missing of the following teeth: incisors, canines, premolars 2-4, molars 1-2, more than two missing premolar 1. The molars 3 are disregarded.
- Overshot or undershot mouth, wry mouth
- Upright/prick ears, hanging or carried asymmetrically
- Short smooth coat. Long, very matted, sticking out or dull coat
- Chocolate coloured, multiple-colour pattern or patches – e.g., black-and-tan pattern, piebald, particoloured
- Size deviating from the height limits: Dogs under 41 cm (16 in) or over 47 cm (18.5 in) at the withers; bitches under 38 cm (15 in) or over 44 cm (17.5 in) at the withers

**Swedish Lapphund**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities
- Lacking in any of the essential physical characteristics of breed type



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