



Lowchen

The breed standard outlines the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of a breed, and ensures that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.

General Appearance

Strongly built, active, well balanced and alert little dog whose presentation (i.e. coat and tail clipped in traditional lion clip) gives the “little lion” appearance.

Head

Short. **Skull** wide in proportion, flat between the ears, head carried proud and high. Well defined stop. Short, strong muzzle. **Eyes:** Round, large and intelligent, dark in colour. Unbroken pigmentation of eye rims, pigment to be in accordance with coat colour. **Ears:** Pendant, long and well fringed, set on level with the eye, close hanging. **Mouth:** Jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissors bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaw. **Nose:** Black or brown according to coat colour.

Neck: Good length, proudly arched.

Forequarters: Forelegs straight and fine boned. Shoulder well laid back.

Body: Short, strong, well proportioned. Level topline. Ribs well sprung, strong loin with moderate tuck up.

Hindquarters: Hindlegs well muscled with good turn of stifle; straight when viewed from the rear.

Feet: Small, round.

Tail: Of medium length, clipped with a tuft of hair to resemble a plume. Carried gaily on the move.

Gait/Movement: Free, parallel movement for and aft, no hackneyed action.

Coat: Fairly long and wavy but not curly. Fine and silky. Clipped in the traditional lion clip.

Colour: Any colour or combination of colours permissible.

Size: Height 25 -33 (10-13 in) at the withers.

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.

Breed Name: Lowchen
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