



GROUP VI: NON-SPORTING DOGS

LOWCHEN

RECOGNIZED: 1995

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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.

SIZE

Height at the withers: 25 to 33 cm (9.75 to 13 in)

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.

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

Hind legs 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

Free, parallel movement fore and aft; no hackneyed action.

FAULTS

Any departure from the aforementioned ideals shall be considered faulty to the degree in which it interferes with the health and well-being of the dog and the breed's traditional purpose.

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