

# Boerboel

**Height** - Dogs 24" to 27" Bitches 22" to 25"

**General Appearance** - Large, strong, confident and muscular with powerful, free-flowing movement. Standing or moving, should show strength, suppleness, nimbleness and agility.

**Head** - Blocky, broad, deep, square and muscular with well-filled cheeks. Moderate wrinkling over the forehead when the dog shows interest. **Eyes** - Preferably dark brown, widely spaced, and fully pigmented. **Ears** - Medium sized, V shaped. **Muzzle** - Broad, deep and narrows slightly toward the nose. Measures slightly more than 1/3 length of head. **Nose** - Black. **Bite** - Scissors, with complete dentition.

**Body** - Length to height ratio is 10:9. Blocky, muscular and solid. **Neck** - The dewlap is noticeable but disappears toward the sternum. **Topline** - Firm and level, moving or standing. **Ribcage** - Well sprung and filled. **Croup** - Broad, flat and strong. **Tail** - Thick and set fairly high. Traditionally docked, but natural acceptable.

**Coat** - Short, dense, smooth and shiny. The skin is thick and loose but fits smoothly.

**Color** - With or without mask. All shades of brown, red or fawn with limited clear white patches on legs or forechest permissible. Brindle acceptable in any color. In the Piebald, more than 33% is disqualified. Ticking or spots within the white is disqualified.

**Gait** - Agile, powerful with purpose. Legs converge as speed increases.

**Temperament** - Dominant with strong protective instincts. An aggressive or belligerent attitude toward other dogs should not be faulted. Dogs in competition should be trained to allow examination.

**Disqualifications:** *Blue Eye(s); Entropion or ectropion; Undershot more than ¼ inch or Overshot bite; Wry mouth; Prick ears; Black (means black without a trace of brindle). Black with white markings. Blue colored (Powdered Coat) dogs. White exceeding 33% of the color on a dog, ticking or spots within the areas of white; Long coat; Nose leather in any color other than black.*

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