

Miniature Schnauzer

Spar

Examine on Table

Height - 12" - 14"

General Appearance - Robust, alert and spirited, yet obedient to command. He is sturdily built and nearly square in proportion. He should never be overaggressive or timid.

Head - Oval eyes are small, dark brown, deep-set and keen in expression. **Ears** can be cropped or uncropped and are set high on the skull. **Foreface** - Parallel and at least as long as top-skull. Slight stop. Scissors bite.

Body - Strong well arched neck with short, deep body and short loin. **Topline** - straight and declining slightly from withers to base of tail. **Pasterns** - Strong and good bone. **Brisket** - Deep. **Tail** - Set high and carried erect. Docked. An undocked tail to be severely penalized. **Forequarters** - Long shoulder blade and upper arm, well angulated. **Hindquarters** - **Thighs** - strong, well muscled and slanting. **Hocks** - extend beyond tail. **Rear pasterns** - short, parallel.

Coat - Double-coated, hard, wiry outer coat with close undercoat. Head, neck, ears, chest, tail and body coat must be plucked. Furnishings are fairly thick, not silky.

Color - Allowed Colors: Salt and pepper, black and silver, and solid black. Nose must be solid black.

Gait - Good reach and drive, parallel movement, with almost imperceptible tendency to converge as speed increases.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- *Dogs or bitches under 12 inches or over 14 inches.*
- *Dogs not of an allowed color or white striping, patching, or spotting on the colored areas of the dog, except for the small white spot permitted on the chest of the black. The body coat in salt and pepper and black and silver fades out to light gray or silver white under the throat and across the chest. Between them there exists a natural body coat color. Any irregular or connecting blaze or white mark in this section is considered a white patch on the body, which is also a disqualification.*
- *Nose any color other than black.*

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