

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno

Examine on table

Height 8" – 12"

Weight 9 – 13 Pounds

General Appearance – A wedge shaped head with erect ears, sickle tail, sound skeleton, well muscled, very lively and intelligent, sober and rustic. A breed of moderation.

Proportion – 20% longer than tall.

Head – Lean, broad based wedge shaped as a four sided pyramid.

Skull – Flat, almost straight. Prominent brow bone. Planes slightly divergent. **Stop** – Barely defined. **Eyes** – Small almond shape set slightly oblique. Eye color ranges from honey to dark brown in accordance with coat. **Ears** – Pointed, triangular, wider at base, thin and longer than width at base. **Muzzle** – Curved and shorter than skull. **Nose** – black or darker than the coat. **Bite** – Scissors.

Neck – Slight arch, medium in length, strong and muscled.

Topline – Level. **Back** – Straight and long. **Loin** – Level, broad and well-muscled. **Croup** – Straight or very slightly sloping. **Chest** – Reaches elbow, long and medium width. **Tail** – Medium high set and medium length. In action carried horizontal with a slight curve or vertical in the shape of a sickle. **Feet** – Oval and tight.

Coat – Two varieties. Smooth coat is short and very dense. Wire is long and harsh

Color – Yellow or fawn. Light medium or dark shades are acceptable. The color can be solid or with white markings or white with markings of the above colors. Accepted but not preferred colors are black or brown, as solid colors or with white markings.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Behavior – Aggressive or overly shy.

Jaws – Undershot or overshot.

Eyes – Of different color.

Ears – Folded or hanging.

Color – Brindle, Black and Tan, Tricolor, Solid White.

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