

Dachshund

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Weight - Miniature – 11 lbs. or under at 12 mos. or older; Standard usually 16 – 32 lbs.

General Appearance – Low to the ground, long in body, short of leg. Well balanced with bold and confident head carriage. Well suited for below ground work.

Head - tapers uniformly to the tip of the nose. **Eyes** medium size, almond-shaped, very dark and dark-rimmed, Wall eyes, except in the case of dappled dogs, are a serious fault and a DQ in the piebald pattern. **Ears** set near the top of the head, not too far forward, of moderate length, and when animated frame the face. **Bite** scissors.

Body – Long, fully muscled, level topline with slight rise over loin. Well-ribbed back. **Neck** long, muscular, flowing into shoulders without impression of a right angle. **Chest** prosternum strongly prominent with dimple on either side, with a good length of keel extending well beyond the front legs. Thorax appears oval extending to midpoint of forearm. **Front** shoulder blades long, well laid back, upper arm same length as the shoulder blade and at right angles to it. Forearm is short, slightly curved inwards, so that joints between the forearms and the feet (wrists) are closer together than the shoulder joints forming the “wrap-around” front. **Feet** front full, tight, compact, with well-arched toes may be inclined a trifle outward; rear feet are smaller and point straight ahead.

Rear – pelvis, thigh, second thigh, and rear pasterns are ideally the same length and give the appearance of a series of right angles. Hocks short and perpendicular

Temperament - clever, lively and courageous to the point of rashness; any display of shyness is a serious fault.

Three Varieties – Coat and Colors – in all coats except for the piebald pattern, a small amount of white on the chest is acceptable but not desirable.

Smooth – Coat short, smooth, shining. **Colors** may be one color (red or cream), or two colors to include black, chocolate, wild boar, gray (blue) and fawn (Isabella), each with deep, rich tan or cream markings. **Patterns** – **Dapple** (Merle) lighter-colored areas

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contrasting with the darker base color, which may be any acceptable color. Partial or wholly blue eyes are acceptable and a large area of white on the chest is permissible. **Brindle.**

Sable—a uniform dark overlay on red dogs. The overlay hairs are double-pigmented. **Piebald**—clearly defined areas of white on any allowed one- or two-colored dog. No patches of lighter shadings within the colored areas, eyes are never wholly or partially blue. Ticking in white areas acceptable. Head must not be more than 50% white and color other than white must cover both ears and extend without interruption from the ears over both eyes.

Wirehaired – Body is covered with a uniform tight, short, thick, hard outer coat with softer undercoat. Facial furnishings include a beard and eyebrows. Most common colors are wild boar (agouti), black and tan, and shades of red, all colors and patterns listed are acceptable

Longhaired – Sleek, glistening often slightly wavy hair, longer on fore chest, underside of body, ears, behind legs and forming a veritable flag on the tail. Colors same as above.

Gait- Fluid and smooth. Forelegs reach well forward without lift. Rear drive carries legs to full extension. Forward reach of the hind leg equals the rear extension; they do not reach upward toward the abdomen.

DISQUALIFICATIONS- Knuckling over of front legs. In the piebald pattern: eyes partially or wholly blue, or a head of more than 50% white, or white covering any portion of the ears or around the eyes, or pure white with no body spots except on the head. Colors or patterns other than those specified above.

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