

Lhasa Apso

Examine on table.

General Appearance - A small, sturdy, well balanced rectangular dog.

Size - Between 10” and 12” at shoulder for dogs. Bitches may be slightly smaller.

Head - Skull - Narrow, falling away behind the eyes, not quite flat.

Nose - Black. Length from tip of nose to eye is about one-third of total length from tip of nose to back of skull. **Eyes** - Dark brown almond shaped. Dark pigment on eye rims and lips. **Ears** - Pendant, heavily feathered, set slightly above eye level, carried close to the cheeks. **Bite** - Either level or slightly undershot.

Body - Chest - Extending to or slightly below the elbow.

Prosternum well developed. **Topline** - Level from withers to croup. **Tail** - High set carried over the back in a screw, occasionally with a kink at the end.

Forelegs - Shoulder well laid back. Legs are straight. Both forelegs and hindlegs heavily furnished with hair.

Hindquarters - Angulation in balance with forequarters.

Feet - Round and catlike.

Color - All colors equally acceptable.

Gait - Smooth and effortless with good reach and strong rear drive.

No tendency towards hackney, exaggerated lift or rolling.

Temperament - Gay and assertive, but chary of strangers.