

Barbet

Height - Dogs 21" - 24 ½ " Bitches 19 " – 22½ "

General Appearance – Medium sized dog with long, dense covering of curly hair. Barbet is slightly rectangular with a substantial head, and long sweeping tail.

Head – Proportionally large. **Skull** – Rounded and broad. Occiput not prominent. **Stop** – Defined, neither abrupt nor sloping. **Muzzle** – Shorter than skull and quite square. **Eyes** – Medium size, round, dark hazel, or dark brown. Eye rims fully pigmented corresponding to coat color. **Ears** – Wide and set at eye level, extending to corner of mouth. **Bite** – Scissors, large, and strong

Body – Slightly off square. Well boned. **Topline** – Level. **Croup** – Rounded. **Tail** – Natural extension of topline, long and low set. Carried above horizontal in a sweeping curve, but not over back. **Forequarters** - Legs straight and set well under chest. **Shoulders** - Laid back. Scapula and upper arm equal. **Hindquarters** – Balanced with forequarters. Well muscled thighs. **Feet** – Round.

Color – All shades of black, gray, brown, fawn: with or without white markings. Pied (primarily white with all shades of black, gray, brown, or fawn markings).

Coat – A defining characteristic. Profuse hair covers whole body evenly with thick, natural curls in a variety of sizes. Hair on the head reaches bridge of nose. Distinctive beard. Ears covered in long hair.

Gait – Easy, ground covering trot with good reach and drive. Feet converge toward center line with increased speed. Topline remains level.

Temperament – Joyful, bright and kindly natured.