

Boerboel

Height – Dogs 24” to 27” Bitches 22” to 25”

General Appearance – Large, strong, confident, and muscular with powerful, free-flowing movement. Standing or moving should show strength, suppleness, and agility.

Head – Blocky, broad, deep, square and muscular with well-filled cheeks. Moderate wrinkling over the forehead when the dog shows interest. **Eyes** – Preferably dark brown, widely spaced, and fully pigmented. **Ears** – Medium sized, V shaped. **Muzzle** – Broad, deep, and narrows slightly. Slightly more than 1/3 length of head. **Nose** – Black. **Bite** – Scissors, with complete dentition.

Body – Length to height ratio is 10:9. Blocky, muscular, and solid.

Neck – The dewlap is noticeable, but disappears toward the sternum. **Topline** – Firm, level, moving or standing. **Ribcage** – Well sprung and filled. **Croup** – Broad, flat, and strong. **Tail** – Traditionally docked, natural acceptable.

Coat – Short, dense, smooth, and shiny. The skin is thick and loose, but fits smoothly.

Color – Red, brown, reddish brown, fawn, cream, brindle, and Irish marked. Piebald, white not to exceed 33%. Black mask is desirable. Limited clear white patches on legs and fore chest are permissible.

Gait – Agile, powerful. Legs converge as speed increases.

Temperament – Dominant with strong protective instincts. Aggressive or belligerent attitude toward other dogs not to be faulted. Should be trained to allow examination.

Disqualifications:

- Blue Eye(s).
- Entropion or ectropion.
- Under shot greater than ¼” or overshot bite.
- Wry mouth.
- Prick ears.
- Blue colored (Powdered Coat) dogs, white exceeding more than 33% of the color on a dog, ticking or spots within area of white.
- Any base color not listed.
- Long coat.
- Nose leather in any color other than black.