

Chihuahua Club of America Judge's Pocket Guide



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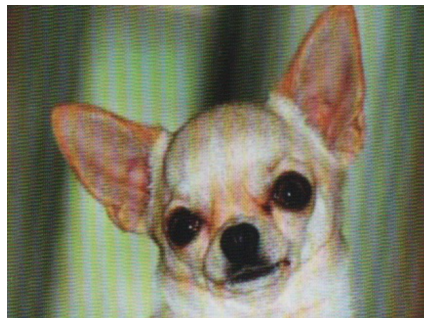
BREED CHARACTER

- Balanced.
- Graceful.
- Alert.
- Swift Moving.
- Compact.
- Saucy, Terrier-like qualities of temperament.



HEAD & EXPRESSION

- **HEAD** – well-rounded, apple domed.
- **EARS** – large, erect, flaring to side. Held at a 45-degree angle at repose, higher when alert.
- **EYES** – full, round, but not protruding, balanced, set well apart – luminous dark or luminous ruby. Light eyes in blond or white colored dogs permissible. Blue eyes or a difference in the color of the iris in the two eyes or two different colors within one iris should be considered a serious fault.
- **STOP** – well-defined. When viewed in profile it forms a near 90-degree angle where muzzle joins skull.
- **MUZZLE** – moderately short, slightly pointed.
- **BITE** – level or scissors. Overshot or undershot or any distortion of the bite or jaw should be penalized as a serious fault. A missing tooth or two is permissible.



MOVEMENT



- Swiftly with firm, sturdy action.
- Head carried high.
- Topline should remain firm & level.
- Good reach in front, equal to the drive from the rear.
- Side view shows good strong drive in the rear & plenty of reach in the front.
- Hocks remain parallel to each other.
- The foot fall of the rear legs follows directly behind that of the forelegs.
- Legs tend to converge slightly as speed increases.



DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Any dog OVER SIX POUNDS in weight.
- Broken down or cropped ears.
- Docked tail, bobbed tail.
- *In Long coats* -too thin coat that resembles bareness.

SERIOUS FAULTS

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- Any distortion of the bite – missing tooth or two is permissible.

SILHOUETTE



- Well-balanced.
- Off-square – slightly longer when measured from the point of shoulder to the point of buttocks, than height at the withers.
- Somewhat shorter bodies are preferred in males.
- Topline level.
- Tail moderately long.
- Tail out, up or in a loop over the back, with Tip just touching the back -NEVER TUCKED.

COAT - SMOOTH

- Soft texture, close, glossy.
- Ruff on neck PREFERRED.
- Scantier on head and ears.
- Furry tail PREFERRED.



COAT – LONG

- Soft texture, flat or slightly wavy.
- With undercoat PREFERRED.
- Ears fringed.
- Tail full and long (as a plume).

