

XL BULLY DOG

OFFICIAL DEFINITION



Height

- Adult male from 20in (51cm) at the withers
- Adult female 19in (48cm) at the withers



Teeth

- Level or scissor bite



Body

- Heavily-muscled
- Large, blocky body giving impression of great power for size
- Broad, deep chest with well-sprung ribs
- Chest may be wider than deep
- Topline level and straight
- Loin short and firm
- Generally appears square shaped from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks compared with the withers (tallest point on the dog's body excluding head and shoulders) to the ground



Head

- Heavy, large and broad
- The length from the tip of the nose to a well-defined stop (indentation between muzzle and the head) is equal to around a 1/3 of the length from the stop to the back of the head
- Muzzle blocky or slightly squared to fall away below the eyes
- Topline of muzzle straight
- Prominent cheek muscles with strong, well-defined jaws and lips semi-close
- Often having prominent wrinkles on face
- Nose is large with well opened nostrils



Neck

- Heavy, muscular, slightly arched, tapering from the shoulders to the base of the skull
- Medium in length

Hindquarters

- Strong, muscular and broad
- Thighs well developed with thick musculature
- From behind, both pasterns are typically straight and parallel to each other
- Muscular development, angulation and width in balance with forequarters

Tail



- Medium length and low set
- Tapers to a point to end at about the level of the hocks
- Generally assumes a straight or pump handle shape when dog relaxed

Coat



- Glossy, smooth, close, single

Feet



- Rounded, medium in size and in proportion to body
- Compact and well arched



Glossary

Bite: the relative position of the upper and lower teeth when the mouth is closed

Croup: - part of the back from the front of the pelvis to the root of the tail

Forequarters: the front part of dog excluding head and neck

Hindquarters: Rear part of dog from behind the loin

Lion: the region between the last rib and the beginning of the pelvis

Muzzle: the length from the tip of the nose to the stop

Pasterns: the pastern is the lower part of the foreleg, just above the foot and below the wrist.

Similarly, in the hind leg, the pastern is the portion located above the foot and below the heel (also known as the hock). Every canine possesses a pair of front and rear patterns.

Scissor bite: the upper front teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Spring of rib: degree of curvature rib cage

Tail set: the position of the tail on the coup

Topline: an outline after the withers to the tail set. Viewed from the side of the dog or from above.

Withers: the highest point of body immediately behind the neck where height is measured.