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**BULLMASTIFF**

**ORIGIN** : Great-Britain.

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**UTILIZATION** : Watch-dog.

**CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.** : Group 2 Pinscher and Schnauzer-  
Molossoid breeds-Swiss  
Mountain- and Cattle  
Dogs.  
Section 2.1 Molossoid breeds,  
Mastiff type.  
Without working trial.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE** : Powerful build, symmetrical, showing great strength, but not cumbersome, sound and active.

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT** : Powerful; enduring, active and reliable. High spirited, alert and faithful.

**HEAD** : Broad and deep.

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Skull large and square, viewed from every angle, fair wrinkle when interested, but not when in repose. Circumference of skull may equal height of dog measured at top of shoulder.

**Stop** : Pronounced.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : Nose broad with widely spreading nostrils; flat neither pointed nor turned up in profile.

**Muzzle** : Muzzle short; distance from tip of nose to stop approximately one third of length from tip of nose to centre of occiput, broad under eyes and sustaining nearly same width to end of

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nose; blunt and cut off square, forming right angle with upper line of face, and at same time proportionate with skull.

Lips : Flews not pendulous, never hanging below level of lower jaw.

Jaws/Teeth : Underjaw broad to end. Level desired but slightly undershot allowed but not preferred. Canine teeth large and set wide apart, other teeth strong, even and well placed.

Cheeks : Well filled.

Eyes : Dark or hazel, of medium size, set apart the width of muzzle with furrow between. Light or yellow eyes highly undesirable.

Ears : V-shaped, folded back, set on wide and high, level of occiput giving square appearance to skull which is most important. Small and deeper in colour than body. Point of ear level with eye when alert. Rose ears highly undesirable.

**NECK** : Well arched, moderate length, very muscular and almost equal to skull in circumference.

#### **BODY** :

Back : Back short and straight, giving compact carriage, but not so short as to interfere with activity. Roach and sway backs highly undesirable.

Loins : Loins wide and muscular with fair depth of flank.

Chest : Chest, wide and deep, well let down between forelegs, with deep brisket.

**TAIL** : Set high, strong at root and tapering, reaching to hocks, carried straight or curved, but not found fashion. Crank tails highly undesirable.

#### **LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS** : Forelegs powerful and straight, well boned, set wide apart, presenting a straight front.

Shoulders : Shoulders muscular, sloping and powerful, not overloaded.

Pasterns : Pasterns straight and strong.

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HINDQUARTERS : Hindlegs strong and muscular.

Second thigh : Well developed second thighs, denoting power and activity, not cumbersome.

Hock : Hocks moderately bent. Cow hocks highly undesirable.

FEET : Well arched, cat like, with rounded toes, pads hard. Dark toe nails desirable. Splayed feet highly undesirable.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Movement indicates power and sense of purpose. When moving neither front nor hind legs should cross or plait, right front and left rear leg rising and falling at same time. A firm backline unimpaired by powerful thrust from hindlegs denoting a balanced and harmonious movement.

### COAT

HAIR : Short and hard, weather resistant, lying flat to body. Long, silky or woolly coats highly undesirable.

COLOUR : Any shade of brindle, fawn or red; colour to be pure and clear. A slight white marking on chest permissible. Other white markings undesirable. Black muzzle essential, toning off towards eyes, with dark markings around eyes contributing to expression.

### SIZE AND WEIGHT :

Height at withers : Dogs 63,5-68,5 cm (25-27 ins).

Bitches 61 - 66 cm (24-26 ins).

Weight : Dogs 49,9-59 kg (110-130 lbs).

Bitches 41 -49,9 kg ( 90-110 lbs).

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree **and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.**

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

**N.B.** : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.