

# Havanese

**Height** – 8 ½ ”-11 ½ ”.

**General Appearance** – A small sturdy dog, of immense charm. The plumed tail is carried arched forward up over the back. Slightly longer than tall, with a long, untrimmed double coat.

**Head** – Expression soft, intelligent and mischievous. **Eyes**- Large, dark brown, almond-shaped, set rather widely apart. Chocolate colored dogs may have lighter eyes. **Ears** – Broad at base, dropped with distinct fold. Set high on skull. **Skull** - Broad, slightly rounded. **Stop** moderate, length of muzzle slightly less than back skull with level planes. **Nose** – Broad. **Bite** – Scissors, full compliment of incisors preferred.

**Neck** – Moderate length, in balance with dog, slight arch.

**Topline** - Straight but not level, rises slightly from withers to the croup. **Chest** – Deep, broad, reaches to elbow. **Loin** – Short, well-muscled, moderate tuckup. **Feet** – Round, well arched. **Forelegs** - Moderate shoulder layback is sufficient to carry the head and neck high. Relatively short upper arm, elbows tight to the body.

**Hind legs** – Muscular, moderate angulation. **Hocks** – Well let down.

**Coat** – Silky to the touch, soft and light in texture in both outer and undercoat. Long abundant and wavy. Shown brushed or corded, never parted down the back. Head furnishings are long and untrimmed and may fall forward over the eyes or to both sides of the head, may also be parted into two small braids. Minimal trimming allowed around anal and genital areas, feet and between pads. **No other trimming allowed.**

**Color** -All colors/combinations acceptable. Skin may be any color.

**Gait** – Springy.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS** –

Height at withers under 8 1/2” or over 11 1/2” except that the **minimum** height shall not apply to dogs or bitches under twelve months of age.

Incomplete or total lack of pigmentation of the eye rims.

Incomplete or total lack of pigmentation of the nose or lips.

Any color pigmentation other than black or brown on the eye rims, nose or lips.

A coarse, wiry coat.

A short, smooth coat with or without furnishings.

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