

Whippet

Height – Dogs 19” to 22”; Bitches – 18” to 21”

Examine on table, ramp or ground

A medium sized elegant sighthound with symmetry of outline and a powerful gait. Exaggerations are to be avoided. Moderate bone throughout. Overall length equal to or slightly greater than height.

Head – Keen, intelligent alert expression. **Eyes** large, round to oval in shape, dark brown to nearly black in color. Eye color can vary with coat color, but dark eyes are always preferred. Fully pigmented rims desirable. Rose **ears**, small, fine in texture. Thrown back and folded in repose. Fold maintained at attention. Erect ears should be severely penalized. **Skull** long & lean, fairly wide between the ears, scarcely perceptible stop. **Muzzle** – long & powerful. **Nose** leather entirely & uniformly pigmented. Color to be black, dark blue or dark brown, both so dark as to appear black. Scissors bite.

Neck long, clean and muscular, well-arched. **Back** – broad, firm & well-muscled, having length over loin. A smooth & graceful continuous arch, not too accentuated, beginning over the loin and carrying through over the croup. **Brisket** is deep & ribs well sprung. Space between forelegs is filled. Definite tuck-up of underline. **Tail** long and tapering; carried low with only a gentle upward curve. Reaches at least the inside of the hock when measured down along the hind leg. **Shoulder blades** long; forelegs straight. **Pasterns** strong, slightly bent & flexible. **Thighs** broad & muscular, stifles well-bent & hocks well let down. **Feet** – more hare than cat.

Coat – Short, close and smooth.

Color – Immaterial

Gait – Low, free moving, smooth with good reach & drive.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- More than one-half inch above or below stated height limits.
- Blue eye(s), any portion of blue in the eye(s), eyes not the same color.
- Undershot
- Overshot one-quarter inch or more.
- Any coat other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture.