

Dogue de Bordeaux

Height – Dogs 23.5” to 27”; Bitches – 23” to 26”

Typical brachycephalic molossoid type. Powerfully built, muscular, slightly longer than tall, built rather close to the ground. Body length to height at withers = 11:10

Head – Massive **with** proper proportions. Large, angular, broad, rather short. **Eyes** – Oval, set wide apart. Hazel to dark brown. Haw not visible. *Fault:* Protruding eyes. **Ears** – Small, set rather high. **Skull** - Furrowed with symmetrical wrinkles on each side of median groove. **Stop** – Very pronounced, almost forming a right angle. *Fault:* Very short muzzle, flat skull, swollen fold behind the nose. **Muzzle** – Broad, thick & rather short. **Nose** – Broad, self-colored. Slightly upturned permissible. **Jaws** – Very powerful, broad, must be undershot with no contact between upper and lower incisors.

Neck – Very strong, muscular & almost cylindrical. Well defined dewlap. **Topline** – Solid with broad, massive back. **Chest** – Powerful, long, deep, broad & let down lower than elbows. **Croup** – Moderate slope. **Tail** – very thick at base, carried low in repose & level in action.

Color – Self colored in all shades of fawn.

Gait – Quite supple for molossoid. Good drive and extension. Front feet approach median plane while striding out with long reaching movement.

Temperament – Vigilant guard dog with great courage, but without aggressiveness. Good companion. Attached & affectionate to master.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Mouth not undershot; wry mouth
- An atrophied tail or a tail that is knotted and laterally deviated or twisted.
- White on the head or body, or any coat color other than shades of fawn.