

Chihuahua

(Long and smooth coat)

Weight – Not to exceed 6 pounds.

Examine on table

Head – “Apple dome” skull, saucy expression. **Eyes** – full, not protruding; blue eyes or a difference in the color of the iris in the two eyes, or two different colors within one iris should be considered a serious fault. **Stop** – well defined. When viewed in profile, it forms a near 90 degree angle where muzzle joins skull. **Ears** – large, erect especially when alert, but flaring to the sides at a 45 degree angle when in repose. **Muzzle** – moderately short, slightly pointed. **Nose** – self-colored. **Bite** – level or scissors; a missing tooth or two is permissible.

Body – Off square. Slightly arched **neck**. **Topline** – level with well-sprung ribs. Front **angulation** should equal that of rear. **Tail** – a sickle either up or out, never tucked. **Pasterns** – strong. **Feet** – hare or cat. **Dewclaws** – may be removed.

Coat – **Smooth coats**: soft texture, glossy. **Long coats**: soft texture, flat or slightly wavy with undercoat preferred. Ears – fringed. Tail – long plume. Feathering on feet, legs, pants and hind legs preferred.

The Chihuahua should be groomed only to create a nice appearance.

Temperament – Alert, projecting the “terrier like” attitudes of self-importance, confidence and self reliance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Any dog over 6 pounds in weight.
- Broken down or cropped ears.
- Docked tail, bobtail.
- In Long Coats, too thin coat that resembles bareness.