

CHIHUAHUA STANDARDS COMPARISON

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Rountable hosted by Joe Borges (Switzerland)
with the following guests:
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Video of the roundtable is available on ICC Facebook Page & Website

Main topics discussed: Terrier-Like Temperament, Molera, Substance, Tails, Muzzle, Front and Coat.

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| Well-rounded apple head | Well-rounded 'apple dome' skull | A well rounded "apple dome" skull | Well rounded 'Apple Dome' skull |
| Stop: Well marked, | Definite stop. | . Stop - Well defined | Definite stop. |
| Muzzle: Short , straight seen from side, broad at set-on, tapering towards the tip | muzzle moderately short , slightly pointed | Muzzle - Moderately short , slightly pointed. | muzzle moderately short , , slightly pointed |
| Lips: Lean and close fitting | cheeks and jaws lean | Cheeks and jaws lean | cheeks and jaws lean |

| Scissor or pincer bite | regular and complete scissor bite | Level or scissors, A missing tooth or two is permissible | regular and complete scissor bite |
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| Length of body slightly greater than height at withers. Desired, however, is an almost square body, especially in males. In bitches, because of the function of reproduction, a slightly longer body is permitted | Body, from point of shoulder to rear point of croup, slightly longer than height at withers | The body is off-square; hence, slightly longer when measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks than height at the withers. Somewhat shorter bodies are preferred in males. | Body, from point of shoulder to rear point of croup, slightly longer than height at withers |
| Not barrel shaped | Well-sprung ribs | Ribs rounded and well sprung (but not too much "barrel-shaped" | Well sprung ribs |
| Short hocks with well-developed Achilles' tendons | hocks well let down | with hocks well apart, neither out nor in, well let down | hocks well let down |

| Formed by a clearly tucked up belly | - | - | - |
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| flat tail | Furry, flattish in appearance | Hair on tail preferred furry | Furry, flattish in appearance |
| Feet Very small and oval (neither hare nor cat-foot) | Small and dainty - Neither hare- nor cat-like | - A small, dainty foot with toes well split up but not spread, pads cushioned. (Neither the hare nor the cat foot. | Small and dainty - Neither hare- nor cat-like |
| Steps are long, springy, energetic and active | Brisk, forceful action | move swiftly with a firm, sturdy action, with good reach in front equal to the drive from the rear. | Brisk, forceful action |

| Good angulation between shoulder-blade and upper arm | giving freedom of movement without looseness | giving free movement at the elbows. Shoulders should be well up, giving balance and soundnes | giving freedom of movement without looseness |
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| Coat is glossy and its texture is soft. parse coat on throat and belly permissible; slightly longer on neck and tail, short on face and ear | smooth, of soft texture, close and glossy, with undercoat and ruff permissible | soft texture, close and glossy | Smooth, of soft texture, close and glossy, with undercoat and ruff permissible. |
| fine and silky, smooth or slightly . Not too thick undercoat desired. Coat is longer, forming feathering on ears, neck, rear of front and hind legs, on feet and on tail. Dogs with long billowing coat will not be accepted | soft texture (never coarse or harsh to touch) either flat or slightly wavy. Never tight and curly. Feathering on ears, feet and legs, pants on hindquarters, large ruff on neck desirable. Tail long and full as a plume. | soft texture, either flat or slightly wavy, with undercoat preferred. Ears - Fringed. Tail - Full and long (as a plume). Feathering on feet and legs, pants on hind legs and large ruff on the neck desired and preferred. (The Chihuahua should be groomed only to create a neat appearance.) | soft texture (never coarse or harsh to touch) either flat or slightly wavy. Never tight and curly. Feathering on ears, feet and legs, pants on hindquarters, large ruff on neck desirable. Tail long and full as a plume. |

| Il colours in all possible shades and combinations are admitted, except merle colour | Any colour or mixture of colours - but never merle | Any color - Solid, marked or splashed | Any colour or mixture of colours but never Merle |
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| twisted tail is a defect, not a disqualification defect | never tucked under or curled below the topline | Never tucked between legs.) Disqualifications - Docked tail, bobtail | never tucked under or curled below the topline |
| 1 to 3 kg. Ideal weight: between 1,5 and 2,5 kg | Up to 2.7kg (6lbs). Prefered 1.8kg-2.7kg (4-6lbs) | Not exceeding 2.7kg (6lbs/pounds). | Up to 2.7kg (6lbs). Prefered 1.8kg-2.7kg (4-6lbs) |
| DISQUALIFYING FAULTS Dogs with an open fontanel | - | skull, with or without molera | |
| Quick, alert, lively and very courageous | Gay, spirited and intelligent, neither snappy nor withdrawn. | alert, projecting the 'terrier-like' attitudes of self importance, confidence, self- reliance | Gay, spirited and intelligent, neither snappy nor withdrawn. |