The goals and purposes of this breed standard include:
    to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain
    the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance
    this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world;
    and to act as a guide for judges.

    Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid
    any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to
    the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this
    breed, and must take the responsibility to see that
    these are not perpetuated.

    Any departure from the following should be
    considered a fault and is to be penalized according to the degree of
    deviation.

    HEAD
SKULL - The skull is broad between the ears and flat, narrowing slightly to the eyes. The stop is slight, but
definite. The cheeks are muscular without being coarse.
MUZZLE - The foreface is of moderate length, and well filled up under the eye. The deep, powerful jaws taper
to a strong, blunt muzzle.
TEETH - A full complement of strong, sound, regularly spaced white teeth meet in a scissors bite.
Disqualifications: Undershot or overshot bites.
EYES - The moderate sized eyes are almond in shape
and dark brown in color. They are neither full nor prominent. Expression is alert and intelligent.
NOSE - The nose is always black, regardless of the color
of the individual dog.
EARS - The moderately small ears are pricked and
almost pointed. They are set on high, yet well apart. The
leather is moderately thick. The inside of the ear is well
furnished with hair.

NECK
The medium-length, muscular neck is exceptionally strong, and dry. It is arched at the crest and broadens to
blend into the body.

FOREQUARTERS
The shoulders are clean, muscular and sloping.
FORELEGS - The elbows are parallel to the body. The
muscular forelegs are well boned. Viewed from any
angle, they are straight, with strong, flexible pasterns.
Serious Faults: Loaded shoulders. Slack shoulders.
Straight shoulders. Weak elbows. Weak pasterns.
BODY
The length of the body, from the point of the breastbone to the buttocks, is equal to the height of the dog, measured at the withers. The back is level, broad and strong. The loins are muscular and deep. The chest is deep and moderately broad. Ribs are well-sprung, and there is a slight tuck-up.

HINDQUARTERS
The hindquarters are broad, powerful and muscular. The thighs are well developed.
HIND LEGS - The stifles are moderately turned. The strong hocks are moderately let down, with sufficient bend. When viewed from behind, the hind legs, from hock to feet, are straight, and placed neither too close nor too wide apart.
Serious Faults: Cow hocks. Bow hocks.

FEET
The strong, round feet have deep pads, and well-arched, closely-knit toes. The strong, short nails are dark in color.
Serious Faults: Weak feet.

TAIL
The natural length of the undocked, natural bob tail does not exceed 4 inches. It is set on high, but not carried much above the level of the back.

COAT
The breed is double coated. The outer coat is moderately short, straight, dense and of medium harsh texture. The undercoat is short, dense and soft.
The coat around the neck is longer, forming a mild ruff. The hair on the head, legs, and feet is short.

COLOR
The acceptable colors are Blue and Red.
BLUE: The dog is blue speckle or blue mottled over the whole body, with or without black markings on the head or body. Blues should not have a red undercoat or the appearance of red anywhere in their coat.
RED: The color is a good, even red speckle or red mottle all over, with or without red markings on the head or body. Reds should not have a blue undercoat or the appearance of blue anywhere in their coat.
Faults: Cream or white undercoat.
Serious Fault: Tan markings.
Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT
The acceptable height range for males is from 18 to 20 inches (46-51 cms). The acceptable height range for females is from 17 to 19 inches (43-48 cms).
Males or females over or under the acceptable height ranges are undesirable.

GAIT
Soundness of movement is of foremost importance. Action is true, free, supple and tireless. The movement of the shoulders and forelegs is in unison with the powerful thrust of the hindquarters. Capability of quick, sudden movement is essential.
Serious Fault: Stiltiness.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)
Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.
Viciousness or extreme shyness.
Albinism.
Undershot or overshot bite.