Official Breed Standard  
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Kennel Union of South Africa  

BOERBOEL

At KUSA licensed events in Conformation (Beauty/Breed) it is only eligible to enter Development Classes t Non-Championship Shows. It is able to enter any Obedience Classes, Working Trials (Classic), Dog Jumping, Agility, Dog Carting events for which it is qualified, with awards.

CHARACTERISTICS
Must have a good temperament with controlled aggressiveness. Must be intelligent with a steadfast and balanced nature and be faithful to his master until death. Must possess the characteristics of a good watchdog and be loving towards his owners with a special liking for children. Must possess enormous self-confidence.

GENERAL APPEARANCE
Must be large, solid, strong and well muscled. Be an impressive, well balanced dog with no obvious signs of any other breed.

CONFORMATION
Head - large and strong. Short, broad and deep
  S symmetrical and balanced
  S flat between the ears
  S the ideal nasal bone length of males is 10cm and that of bitches 8cm and must be straight with no upturn
  S the stop not too prominent
  S nostrils large and widely spaced

Eyes - well formed with well pigmented lids
  S no bulge - brow bone not prominent

Ears - medium size and V-shaped and in relation to the rest of the head
  S fall naturally against the head and positioned fairly high

Jaws - strong, straight and broad
  S well shut. The ideal is a scissor bite
  S lips must be pigmented and not too fleshy and must cover the teeth

Neck - strong and muscled
  S loose dewlap tautening between the legs
  S form a well-balanced unity between head and body

FOREQUARTERS
Chest - must be strong, well muscled, broad and deep in relation to the dog and its body, with ample chest capacity
**Front Legs** - straight, sturdy and positioned under the body with slightly angulated but firm fetlocks

**Shoulders** - strong, muscled and supple

**Elbows** - must not stand out or bend in so that the dog has a comfortable movement

**Body** - length must be in relation to the size of the dog

**Back** - strong with a relatively straight topline

**Loin** - fairly short and well muscled

**HINDQUARTERS** must be strong, muscled and well constructed

**Legs** - sturdy with slightly angulated but firm fetlocks

**Hocks** - correctly angulated and under the body when moving

**Paws** - well padded, noticeably larger in front

**Tail** - preferably docked. (Long tails are allowed).

**COAT** - short and smooth

**COLOUR** - any colour is acceptable providing strong pigmentation is present

**MOVEMENT** powerful and purposeful in line front to rear

**SIZE**

**Height** : Males - ideal height between 60 and 70cm

Females - between 55 and 65cm

**Weight** : Fully grown and prime condition :

Males - between 60 and 75kg

Females - between 50 and 65kg

**FAULTS**

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

**NOTE**

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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