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GERMAN PINSCHER

(Deutscher Pinscher)



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UTILISATION: Watch and Companion Dog.

<u>CLASSIFICATION FCI</u>: Group 2 Pinscher and Schnauzer-Molossian breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs. Section 1 Pinscher and Schnauzer type. Without working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The smooth haired Pinscher represents a very old breed which was mentioned in the German Stud Book for dogs in 1880 already. He has the same ancestors as the Schnauzer which was also called the rough coated Pinscher. From the beginning the smooth haired Pinschers differed from the rough haired specimen in their colour and their short coat. They were mostly black with light brown markings, self coloured in various shades of brown to red, pepper and salt or simply blue-grey to black.

<u>GENERAL APPEARANCE</u> : The German Pinscher is smoothhaired, medium in size with proud carriage, flowing outlines, elegant and square build. He is strong like the Schnauzer. Due to his short smooth coat, his well developed muscles are clearly visible especially when he moves.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS

• In relation of length to height, his build should be as square as possible.

• The length of the head (measured from the tip of the nose to the occiput) corresponds to half the length of the topline (measured from the withers to the set on of the tail).

<u>BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT</u> : His lively, spirited, self assured and evenly tempered nature combined with intelligence and endurance makes him an agreeable family, watch and companion dog.

<u>HEAD</u>

CRANIAL REGION

<u>Skull</u> : Strong, elongated, without markedly protruding occiput. The forehead is flat and runs parallel to the bridge of nose. <u>Stop</u> : Slight, yet clearly defined.

FACIAL REGION

Nose: Nose leather well developed and always black.

Muzzle: Ending in a blunt wedge. Bridge of nose straight.

Lips: Black, smooth and tight-fitting to the jaws; corners of mouth closed.

<u>Jaws/Teeth</u>: Strong upper and lower jaw. The complete scissor bite (42 pure white teeth according to the dentition formula) is strong and firmly closing. The chewing muscles are strongly developed without pronounced cheeks interfering with the smooth outline

Eyes: Dark, oval, with black pigmented, close fitting eyelids.

<u>Ears</u>: Drop ears, set high, V-shaped, with inner edges lying close to the cheeks, turned forward towards temples. Folds parallel, should not be above the top of the skull.

<u>NECK</u>: Nobly curved, not too short. Blending smoothly into the withers without any marked set on. Dry,without dewlap or throatiness. Throat skin tight-fitting without folds.

BODY

Topline: Slightly sloping from withers towards rear.

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