

Catahoula Bulldog breed standard

The Catahoula Bulldog is an athletic , temperamentally sound dog with great strength, speed, agility, intelligence and savvy. Aloofness with strangers is expected unless introduced by the owner. The attitude of the breed is total eagerness to please the owner and perform the work, hunting or family and property security to the utmost of ability even to the death. Males outweigh the females by 20 to 30 lbs. over Aggressiveness to people or other animals unless invading the homestead is not acceptable. This breed is expected to know the difference between a non-threat and a threat and should act accordingly.

Size-General: Males should weigh between 60-120 lbs and range from 20-40 inches at the withers. Females should range from 18-40 inches at the withers. body style can be 'Cadillac' (longer torso) or 'compact' (shorter torso) weight always being in proportion to the body. The CB should be medium to large boned and well conditioned. scarring due to working or hunting will not be penalized.

Coat Color: any color fully colored merle/brindle or leopard coats with white trim or white with variable degrees of patches with any color merling is the preferred color. any solid color, brindle or white with brindle patches is a fault. A black mask is not preferred and is a fault.

Coat: Short, less than one inch in length varying from soft to stiff. Long, feathering, or fuzzy coats are unacceptable.

eyes: The eyes should be round or almond shape, medium sized, and wide set. Crossed and/or nonsymmetrical eyes are unacceptable. pop-out eyes are unacceptable.

eye color: double glass or 'cracked eyes' (more than one color in a single eye) are preferred, but any color eyes is accepted w/o fault.

Tail: ANY length natural bobtail is preferred but tail docked at 4th or second vertebra are accepted w/o fault. a long tail is a fault.

Muzzle: Muzzle should be relatively square to slightly honed down and 30-45% of the overall length of the head. Lips are close to full or full being slightly pendulous but not enough to impede working ability. Flat or Johnson/English type muzzles that impede breathing and working ability will not be accepted.

Teeth: large wolflike teeth are preferred. there is no fault for broken teeth as this is a working and hunting dog. Reverse scissors is preferred. Moderate underbite, scissors or even bite is acceptable w/o fault.

Nose: black, black w/pink or dilute colored noses are all accepted.

Ears: The ears should be medium in size and may be either forward flap or rose, with no preference. Cropped ears are not acceptable and are a fault.

Neck: The neck should be very muscular and medium in length. The neck should taper from shoulder to head and be slightly arched.

Muscle: The shoulders should be well-muscled with good definition as should the legs.

Legs: The legs should be strong and straight with moderate to heavy bone. well-muscled front and back. The rear legs should be moderately angulated and parallel. There should not be an excess of or lack of angulation in the rear legs. Excessively bow-legged or cow hocked is unacceptable and is a fault.

The back should not be narrow or swayed and a straight or slightly higher rear are both accepted.

Feet: should be of moderate size with toes well arched and webbed in between.

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Gait: The Catahoula Bulldog should move with speed, agility and power with a spring to the step. A tight athletic gait showing strength of movement and agility is expected.

*Note: Males without two testicles, dogs that are deaf, and dogs that have been spayed or neutered are not allowed to compete in the conformation ring. Females in estrus are not to be shown in the conformation classes and are not allowed in the proximity thereof.