



Group:	Group 7 (Non Sporting)
History:	
General Appearance:	The Lhasa Apso should give the appearance of a well balanced, solid dog.
Characteristics:	Gay, assertive, but chary of strangers.
Temperament:	(Refer Characteristics)
Head And Skull:	Heavy head furnishings with good fall over the eyes, good whiskers and beard. Skull moderately narrow, falling away behind the eyes in a marked degree; not quite flat, but not domed or apple shaped. Straight foreface, with medium stop. Nose black. Muzzle about 3.8 cm (1 1/2 ins) long, but not square; the length from tip of nose to be roughly one-third the total length from nose to back of skull.
Eyes:	Dark. Medium sized eyes to be frontally placed, not large or full, or small and sunk. No white showing at base or top of eye.
Ears:	Pendant, heavily feathered. Dark tips an asset.
Mouth:	Upper incisors should close just inside the lower, i.e. a reverse scissor bite. Incisors should be nearly in a straight line. Full dentition is desirable.
Neck:	Strong, well covered with a dense mane which is more pronounced in dogs than in bitches.
Forequarters:	Shoulder should be well laid back. Forelegs straight, heavily furnished with hair.
Body:	The length from point of shoulders to point of buttocks greater than height at withers. Well ribbed up. Level topline. Strong loin. Well balanced and compact.
Hindquarters:	Well developed with good muscle. Good angulation. Heavily furnished. The hocks when viewed from behind should be parallel and not too close together.
Feet:	Round and cat-like, with good pads. Well feathered.
Tail:	High set, carried well over back and not like a pot-hook. There is often a kink at the end. Well feathered.
Gait/Movement:	Free and jaunty in movement.

- Coat:** Top coat heavy, straight and hard, not woolly or silky, of good length. Dense undercoat.
- Colour:** Golden, sandy, honey, dark grizzle, slate, smoke, parti-colour, black, white or brown.
- Sizes:** Ideal height:
Dogs: 25 cms (10ins) at shoulder
Bitches slightly smaller.
- 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 and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.
- Notes:** Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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