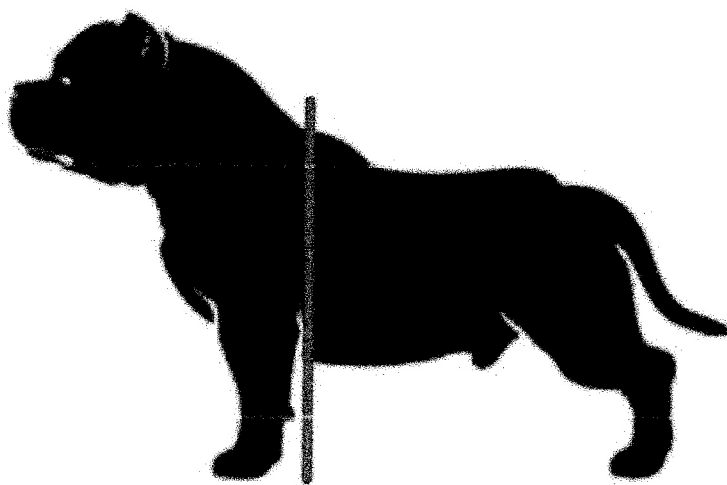




# AMERICAN BULLY STANDARDS



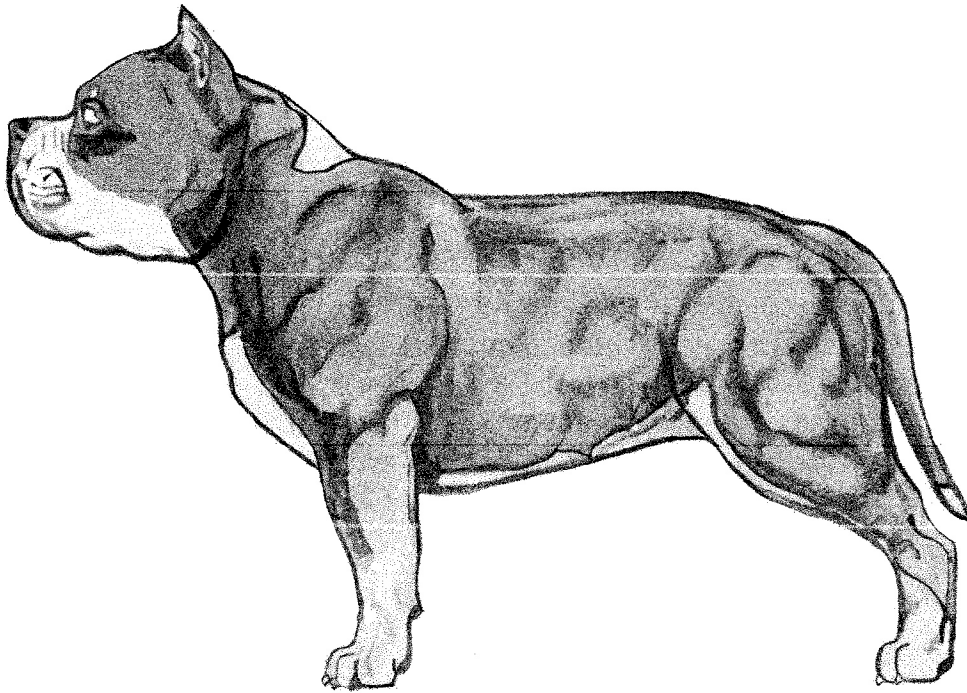
	MALE		FEMALE	
	INCHES	CMS	INCHES	CMS
	UNDER	UNDER	UNDER	UNDER
<b>Micro</b>	12	30.5	11	28
<b>Pocket</b>	17	43.5	16	40.5
<b>Standard</b>	21	53	20	51
<b>XL</b>	OVER 21	OVER 53	OVER 20	OVER 51



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This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.

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### GENERAL APPEARANCE:

The American Bully is a short-haired dog of robust appearance, powerful and strong, large dog with a well-defined muscular body and a block head. Powerful in its movement but without showing effort at the same time. The length of the front leg (measured from the tip of the elbow to the ground) should never be more than half the height of the dog at the withers, but the length of the dog should always be proportionate to the body and give the dog a compact (stubby) appearance. This breed combines strength, agility, flexibility and agility. It should never show fine bones, and lanky appearance. The balance and harmony of all parties are critical components of the breed.

### BEHAVIOR / TEMPERAMENT:

It must give the impression of determination, strength, confidence and vigor. The American Bully is an excellent companion to the family and has always stood out for his love of children. The American Bully partners with its owner carefully. Aggressive behavior towards humans and other dogs is not characteristic of the breed and is highly undesirable.

### HEAD:

The main feature of the breed is its head, it is huge and impressive, large and wide, giving the impression of great power, but not disproportionate in relation to the size of the body. Seen from the front, the head is a broad square shape. When viewed from the side, the skull and muzzle are parallel to each other. The arches above the eyes are well defined but not pronounced. The cheek muscles are well pronounced, with some wrinkles. The head is seen with the naked eye as a fusion of strength and elegance.

### CRANIAL REGION:

**Skull:** Wide.

**Naso-frontal depression (stop):** Well marked.





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### FACIAL REGION:

**Nose:** The nose is large with wide, open nasal windows. The nose can be any solid color.

**Muzzle:** The muzzle is short in length, square, wide and deep from the stop to the nose, and falling sharply under the eyes. The length of the muzzle is shorter than the length of the skull. The jaws are well defined. The lower jaw is strong and well developed, wide and deep.

**Lips:** They are joined by the edges and are not loose.

**Jaw:** Well defined and strong; the bones are very solid and the dental arches adapt perfectly. The jaw should be very wide.

**Teeth:** They are white and developed on a regular basis; they are well aligned and complete without excessive spaces between them. The joint is scissor-shaped, that is, the upper incisors cover the lower ones with close contact and are implanted in the vertical of the jaws; or it can be a clamp-shaped joint, so that the upper incisors are in contact with the lower ones tip to tip by their free edge

**Cheeks:** The muscles of the cheeks are very prominent.

**Eyes:** The shape of the eyes is oval almond-colored preferably of low implantation in the skull. They are well sunk into orbits and well separated. There should be no depigmentation on the eyelids, it has a lively and penetrating look.

**Ears:** Implanted high, they may or may not be trimmed. Uncut ears are preferable, which should be short, worn in the form of a rose or semi-erect. Completely hanging ears are desired.

### NECK:

The neck is strong and short, slightly arched. The neck widens gradually towards the shoulders. The skin of the neck is firm and without jowls.







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### BODY:

Compact and powerful very massive, with well-arched ribs and deep from the region of the withers to the chest, in such a way that the latter reaches closer to the ground than the abdomen, in females the body can be a little longer.

**Back:** Short, strong; the dorsal line behind the withers is horizontal and arches slightly towards the back.

**Loin:** Short and well muscled.

**Chest:** Seen from the front, the chest is wide and deep.

**Lower line and belly:** From the thorax to the abdomen should form an elegant upward curve.

### TAIL:

The tail is located as a natural extension of the upper line and tapers to a point. When the dog is relaxed, the tail is carried low and extends approximately to the hock. When the dog is moving, the tail is brought to the level of the top line. When the dog is excited, the tail can be carried in an elevated position, upright (challenging tail), but never curled on the back (Gay tail).

### EXTREMITIES

#### FOREQUARTERS:

The dog should have good arms and perfectly parallel. In adult specimens, the length of the front limbs should be approximately equal to the depth of the thorax giving the appearance of a picture.

**Shoulders:** Strong and muscular, but not heavy. Wide, flat, and kept scapula very close to the thorax and well oblique from the bottom to the top, forming almost a right angle with the forearm.

**Elbows:** Straight and strong.

**Arms:** The forelimbs of round and strong bone.

**Metacarpals:** Perpendicular, short, powerful, and flexible. When viewed in profile, metacarpals should be erected with a slight arch





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**front feet:** Round and compact with well-arched toes.

### **HIND QUARTERS:**

Seen from behind the hindlimbs are very muscular and wide parallels.

**Thigh:** Well developed and muscular

**Knee:** With good angulation.

**Leg:** Well developed.

**Hocks:** In a low position and should not deviate either inwards or outwards with a good angulation

**Metatarsus:** Short and strong bones up to the feet.

**Hind feet:** Round and compact with well-arched toes

### **GAIT / MOVEMENT:**

When jogging the step is effortless, smooth, powerful and well coordinated, showing good reach in front without swaying or ambladura. When trotting the top line remains straight with slight bending to indicate strength. Seen from any position, the legs do not rotate either in or out, nor do the feet intersect or interfere with each other. As the speed increases, the feet converge towards the center line. The forelimbs should carry them well forward and the hind limbs should move evenly at the height of the hips, flexing them well in the knees and in the hocks and with a lot of thrust, with an attitude of confidence, giving the impression of being alert and in excitement.

### **COAT:**

**Hair:** The coat is shiny, smooth and moderately rigid to the touch.

**Color:** All colors are accepted except blackbird.





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### SIZE AND WEIGHT:

The American Bully must be massive and compact there must be a proportionate correlation between size and weight. The desirable height at the withers should be:

#### **Standard variety:**

**Males:** 17 inches (43 cm) to 20 inches (51 cm) at withers

**Females:** 16 inches (40 cm) to 19 inches (48 cm) at withers

#### **Pocket Variety:**

**Males:** 14 inches (35.5 cm) to 17 inches (43 cm) at the withers.

**Females:** 13 inches (33 cm) to 16 inches (40 cm) at the withers.

#### **Mini Variety:**

**Males:** up to 14 inches (35.5 cm) at the withers.

**Females:** up to 13 inches (33 cm) at the withers.

#### **XL (Extra Large):**

**Males :** Above 20 inches (51.1 cm) at withers Femars

**Females:** Above 19 inches (48.1 cm) at withers





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### **FAULTS:**

Any deviation from the criteria is considered as a fault and the severity of this is considered to the degree of the deviation to the standard and its consequences on the health and well-being of the dog.

### **SERIOUS OFFENSES:**

- Lack of massiveness
- Twisted Glue
- Tail with knots
- Long Tail
- Coiled tail
- Tail too short
- Blue eyes, or pink
- Deviated front aplombs
- Deviated hindquarters
- Prognathism
- Lack of teeth
- Excessive space in the teeth.

### **DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Over Shot bite (Entognaths)
- Cryptorchidism / Hidden Testicle
- Unilateral or bilateral deafness
- Amputated tail (Not for Medical Reasons)
- Long coat
- Extreme Shyness
- Spayed or Neutered Dogs
- Excessive aggression to other dogs
- Aggression to human.

### **N.B.:**

- Males should have two normal-looking testicles completely descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with the typical conformation of the breed, should be used for breeding.

