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SHORTY BULL

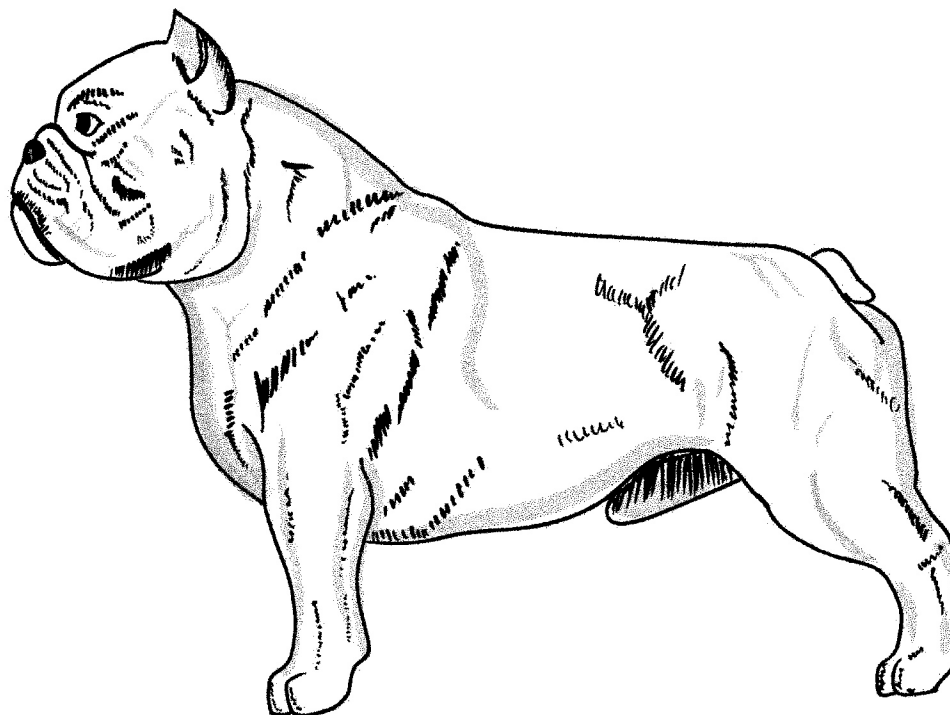


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GENERAL APPEARANCE:

The Shorty Bull is a small but very energetic molossoid type dog. It is robust for its small size, short, and compact in all proportions. With short hair, a pushed-in nose, and a naturally short tail, it should appear as an active, intelligent, muscular, compactly built dog with a solid bone structure. No feature should be exaggerated compared to others, which could disrupt the overall harmony of the dog in appearance and movement.

CHARACTERISTICS:

The essential characteristics of the Shorty Bull are strength, reliability, and zest for life. This breed is always eager to please and display its enthusiasm. They make excellent family companions, particularly with children, and have always been known for their love of kids. Attention is recommended as almost all Shorty Bulls require an owner who will carefully socialize and train them for obedience. The breed's natural agility makes them one of the most capable canine athletes, so a good fence is a necessity. The Shorty Bull is not the best choice as a guard dog due to its size, but it is very alert and can effectively notify of strangers or anything unusual. Aggressive behavior toward humans is not characteristic of the breed and is highly undesirable. This breed performs very well in functional tasks due to its high level of intelligence and willingness to work but will show a stubborn attitude if its training lacks consistency or determination.

TEMPERAMENT / BEHAVIOR:

Affable and even-tempered. The dog should be brave, full of vitality with a loving and playful attitude, balanced and obedient in temperament; though stubborn, it is particularly friendly.

HEAD:

Should be strong, well-sculpted, wide, and square, covered with skin that forms symmetrical folds and wrinkles without excess.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Wide, almost flat between the ears; rounded forehead. The supraorbital ridges are prominent and separated by a particularly pronounced groove between the eyes. The groove should not extend onto the skull. The external occipital protuberance is barely developed.

Naso-frontal Depression (Stop): Pronounced.



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FACIAL REGION:

The Shorty Bull's head is characterized by a contraction of the maxillo-nasal structure, with a slight to moderate inclination of the nose back. The nose is slightly raised at its tip (pushed-in nose).

Nose: Any solid color, broad, pushed-in with well-opened and symmetrical nostrils inclined back. The inclination of the nostrils, as well as the pushed-in nose, should, however, allow for normal nasal breathing.

Muzzle: Very short, wide, and with concentrically symmetrical folds.

Lips: Thick, somewhat loose, solid-colored. The upper lip meets the lower in the center covering the teeth completely. The profile of the upper lip is descending and rounded. The tongue should never be visible when the dog is at rest.

Jaws: Wide and powerful. The lower jaw projects in front of the upper jaw, curving upward. The arc of the lower incisors is rounded. The jaws should not show lateral deviation or torsion. The separation of the incisor arches is not strictly defined; the essential condition is that the upper and lower lips meet to cover the teeth completely. The lower incisors are slightly in front of the upper ones. Incisors and canines are sufficiently developed, with a scissor bite considered correct, though not desirable. Full dentition is desirable.

Cheeks: Well-developed.

Eyes: Clearly visible, with a lively expression, set low, quite distant from the nose and ears, dark-colored, rather large, hazel, and without showing any trace of white (sclera) when the dog looks forward. The edge of the eyelids should be solid.

Ears: Medium-sized, wide at the base, rounded at the tips, and drooping, which may or may not be cropped (rose or erect ears are undesirable). Set medium on the head, but well separated from each other, they may be cropped. The skin should be fine and soft to the touch.

NECK:

Short, powerful, slightly curved, without a dewlap, widening towards the shoulders.



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BODY:

Topline: Horizontal.

Back: Straight, very muscular and stiff.

Loin: Short and solid.

Croup: Long and wide, slightly sloped.

Chest: Well-developed in all dimensions, extending down to the elbow.

Forechest: Wide, forming a square when viewed from the front.

Underline and Belly: Tucked up but not gaunt.

TAIL:

Naturally short, ideally long enough to cover the anus, set low, rather straight, thick at the base, tapering to a point. The tail should be no more than one-sixth the distance to the hocks. If docked, it should not exceed the third vertebra.

FOREQUARTERS:

Correctly angulated and straight when viewed from the side and front.

Shoulder: Well-angulated.

Upper Arm: Short, thick, muscular, slightly curved.

Elbow: Close to the body without looseness.

Forearm: Short, straight, and muscular.

Carpus: Solid and short.

Metacarpus: Short and slightly sloped when viewed from the side.

Front Feet: Round, compact, small in size, known as "**cat feet**," turned slightly outward. Toes are tight, nails short, thick, and solid.



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HINDQUARTERS:

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. Angulation is correct when viewed from both the side and the rear.

Thigh: Well-muscled, firm.

Leg: Strong, not fleshy.

Hock: Moderately angled.

Tarsus: Solid.

Metatarsus: Short.

Hind Feet: Round, compact, not turned inward or outward.

MOVEMENT:

With well-coordinated movement, covering ground evenly with easy steps and a typically jovial demeanor. When trotting, the movement should be parallel in the front and rear, converging only at a faster speed. The front legs should move well forward, and the hind legs should move evenly at hip height, flexing well at the knees and hocks with a lot of drive.

COAT:

Hair: Smooth, tight, shiny, and soft, without undercoat.

Color: All colors are accepted except merle; there will be no distinctions between solid or patterned colors; all will be judged equally.

SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Height at the Withers: Males: 15 inches maximum. Females: 14 inches maximum. A deviation of 1 inch below the stipulated height is tolerated.

Weight: Males: 13-15 kg. Females: 12-14 kg. An additional 500 grams over the stipulated weight is tolerated if it is a typical specimen.

FAULTS:

Any deviation from the aforementioned criteria is considered a fault, and the severity is assessed based on the degree of deviation from the standard and its impact on the dog's health and well-being.

- Scissor Bite
- Slightly raised croup
- Semi-erect ears



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SERIOUS FAULTS:

- Muzzle too long or excessively short
- Tongue visible with mouth closed
- Curved topline (roach back)
- Excessive depigmentation of the lips, nose, or eyelids, whose edges can never be completely depigmented
- Heterochromatic eyes

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressiveness or extreme shyness
- Any dog showing clear signs of physical or behavioral abnormalities should be disqualified
- Lack of type: insufficient breed characteristics resulting in the individual not resembling other breed members
- Torsion or lateral deviation of the jaw, causing the tongue to be constantly visible
- Dogs with lower incisors placed behind the upper incisors
- Dogs with canines constantly visible when the mouth is closed
- Rose or fully erect ears
- Absence of tail or tail carried high
- Dewclaws on the hind legs
- Inverted hocks
- Long, coarse, or woolly coat
- Coat color not described in the standard, merle
- Size and weight outside the admitted limits
- Dogs with respiratory problems
- Deafness

N.B.:

- Males must have two normally descended testicles in the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs with typical breed conformation should be used for breeding.