

# EXOTIC BULLY BREED STANDARD

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The Exotic Bully is a compact, heavily muscled companion breed. It is characterized by a shortened, exaggerated build featuring a broad blocky head, broad neck, thick bone structure, and a low, wide stance. It is often thought of little, but mighty.

## **VARIETIES**

These types should all look like Exotic Bullies – same overall breed type and temperament. Only differing primarily by size/style, not by correctness of structure.

Micro Exotic Bully: Females under 13” & Males 13.5” and under at the withers

Standard Exotic Bully: Females over 13” and Males over 13.5” at the withers

## **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Head: Defining feature is the block head. Broad skull with defined stop, defined cheek muscles, and high set ears. Overall exaggerated yet balanced appearance.

Muzzle is short, deep and broad. Slightly upturned is acceptable. Must allow functional breathing. Scissor bite preferred, but undershot is acceptable. Large open nostrils. Lips are slightly loose, not excessive.

Eyes: small to medium, round to slightly oval. Set wide apart. Expression alert and confident.

Ears: May be natural or cropped. Set high on head.

Neck: Thick, muscular with a slight arch. Tapers smoothly from shoulders to head.

Body: Forelegs are wide apart to allow for a wide chest. Chest should be wide and muscular. Shoulders are broad and muscular. Short back. Rib cage well-sprung and barrel shaped. Topline has slight natural rise over shoulders transitioning to a level back.

Forequarters: Shoulders are broad and well laid back. Forelegs are short, thick, and extremely boned. Slightly bowed front legs with upright pasterns. Feet should be compact and slight outward turn is acceptable.

Hindquarters: Strong and muscular. Well developed thighs and muscular rump. Hind legs are slightly longer than forelegs elevating the loin above the shoulders. Should have moderate angulation, hocks set low. Rear movement is powerful.

Tail: Short to medium length. Tapering to a point ending at rear hock. Kinks, knots, and short tails are permitted.

Coat: Short haired, smooth to the touch.

Colors: All colors and patterns are acceptable to include merle.

## **MOVEMENT**

The Exotic Bully should move with a confident, controlled, and deliberate gate, reflecting its compact, muscular build and heavy bone structure. Movements must demonstrate stability, balance, and functionality, while accommodating the breed's exaggerated physical traits.

Despite its extreme appearance, the Exotic Bully must remain capable of sound, coordinated movement without distress or restriction.

The movement is steady, grounded, and powerful with a short moderate stride. The legs should move in a controlled, coordinated manner and should appear balanced front to rear. The gait may appear slightly rolling due to the breed's wide body and musculature but should never be exaggerated to the point of inefficiency or instability.

Front Movement: Forelegs should move straight forward maintaining alignment. Slight outward turn is acceptable due to structure. Should demonstrate stability through shoulders and elbows. Feet should not cross excessively or paddle.

Rear Movement: Hindquarters should provide moderate drive and propulsion. Hocks remain stable and aligned. Movement should be powerful but controlled, not exaggerated.

Topline in Motion: Topline should remain level to slightly rising. Minimal bouncing or excessive rolling. Back should appear strong and supported at all times.

Side Movement: Shows short, compact stride with visible strength. Moderate reach in front and moderate drive in rear. Movement should appear efficient for the dog's structure.

Due to the breed's exaggerated structure, the following may be acceptable in moderation: slight rolling motion, slight outward foot placement, and shortened stride. These traits must not interfere with overall mobility, soundness, or endurance

## **FAULTS**

Excessive Looseness in Joints	Lack of Muscle Tone
Excessive Bowing	Narrow Frame/Chest
Bulging Eyes	Splayed Feet

## **MOVEMENT FAULTS**

Severe Rolling or Swaying Gait	Extreme Restriction in Movement/Stiff
Pacing	Inability to Maintain Balance
Labored Breathing During Movement	

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Aggressive Behavior Towards Humans	Cryptorchidism
Wry Jaw	Deafness
Albinism	Structural Deformities Affecting Mobility

Severe Breathing Impairment	Inability to Stand or Walk Properly
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**Severe Rolling:** Is when the dog's body rocks side-to-side excessively while in motion, instead of maintaining a stable, controlled topline. While a slight natural sway can occur due to the Exotic Bully's extreme width, muscle mass, and low structure, a true fault occurs when the motion becomes over-pronounced, inefficient, or unstable.

This can be caused by structural imbalances including excessive width without support, loose ligaments, weak joint, improper shoulder or hip assembly, overly short, bowed, or misaligned legs, weak topline or lack of core strength.

**Extreme Restriction:** Is when the dog is severely limited in range of motion causing stiff, unnatural movement. Stride is short with choppy steps. Appears rigid and robotic in motion. There is a lack of reach and drive.

This can be caused by upright shoulders, poor joint angles and excessive bulk without flexibility.

**Pacing Movement** in the Exotic Bully is a gait where the dog moves both legs on the same side of the body at the same time (right front with right rear, then left front with left rear), instead of the natural diagonal movement seen in a proper trot.

This type of movement is generally caused by a structural imbalance, lack of coordination, fatigue or poor conditioning.

**Inability to Maintain Balance:** The inability to maintain balance is a serious movement fault where the dog cannot keep its body stable and controlled while in motion. Instead of moving smoothly and confidently, the dog appears unsteady, wobbly, or unstable. The fault reflects a breakdown in coordination, structure, and overall functionality.

Dogs may appear wobbly, swaying unpredictably, difficulty maintaining a straight path, staggering, shifting weight, inconsistent stride rhythm. Movement looks uncontrolled rather than deliberate.

Common causes are unsupported width, weak joints, loose ligaments, poor muscle tone, improper front/rear alignment. Balance is a core requirement of functional movement.

**Labored Breathing During Movement:** Labored breathing during movement is a fault where the dog shows difficulty breathing while walking or gaiting at a normal pace. Instead of moving comfortably, the dog appears strained, winded, or distressed.

This indicates compromised respiratory function. Labored breathing is typically linked to structural and health issues including overly shortened muzzle, narrow or pinched nostrils, elongated soft palate, excessive bulk and wait, poor conditioning and Airway obstruction or respiratory compromise.