

**Official Breed Standard  
of the  
Kennel Union of South Africa**

**BOERBOEL**

*At KUSA licensed events in Conformation (Beauty/Breed) it is only eligible to enter Development Classes t Non-Championship Shows. It is able to enter any Obedience Classes, Working Trials (Classic), Dog Jumping,Agility, Dog Carting events for which it is qualified, with awards.*

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Must have a good temperament with controlled aggressiveness. Must be intelligent with a steadfast and balanced nature and be faithful to his master until death. Must possess the characteristics of a good watchdog and be loving towards his owners with a special liking for children. Must possess enormous self-confidence.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Must be large, solid, strong and well muscled. Be an impressive, well balanced dog with no obvious signs of any other breed.

**CONFORMATION**

**Head** - large and strong. Short, broad and deep

S symmetrical and balanced

S flat between the ears

S the ideal nasal bone length of males is 10cm and that of bitches 8cm and must be straight with no upturn

S the stop not too prominent

S nostrils large and widely spaced

**Eyes** - well formed with well pigmented lids

S no bulge - brow bone not prominent

**Ears** - medium size and V-shaped and in relation to the rest of the head

S fall naturally against the head and positioned fairly high

**Jaws** - strong, straight and broad

S well shut. The ideal is a scissor bite

S lips must be pigmented and not too fleshy and must cover the teeth

**Neck** - strong and muscled

S loose dewlap tautening between the legs

S form a well-balanced unity between head and body

**FOREQUARTERS**

**Chest** - must be strong, well muscled, broad and deep in relation to the dog and its body, with ample chest capacity

**Front Legs** - straight, sturdy and positioned under the body with slightly angulated but firm fetlocks

**Shoulders** - strong, muscled and supple

**Elbows** - must not stand out or bend in so that the dog has a comfortable movement

**Body** - length must be in relation to the size of the dog

**Back** - strong with a relatively straight topline

**Loin** - fairly short and well muscled

**HINDQUARTERS** must be strong, muscled and well constructed

**Legs** - sturdy with slightly angulated but firm fetlocks

**Hocks** - correctly angulated and under the body when moving

**Paws** - well padded, noticeably larger in front

S must not turn out or in, pointing straight forward

**Tail** - preferably docked. (Long tails are allowed).

S forms a unity with the dog and set fairly high with no deformity

**COAT** - short and smooth

S **COLOUR** - any colour is acceptable providing strong pigmentation is present  
**MOVEMENT** powerful and purposeful in line front to rear

## **SIZE**

**Height** : Males - ideal height between 60 and 70cm

Females- between 55 and 65cm

**Weight** :Fully grown and prime condition :

Males - between 60 and 75kg

Females - between 50 and 65kg

## **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.

## **NOTE**

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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