



**Official Breed Standard
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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
Eyes	S	the stop not too prominent
	S	nostrils large and widely spaced
	-	well formed with well pigmented lids
Ears	S	no bulge - brow bone not prominent
	-	medium size and V-shaped and in relation to the rest of the head
Jaws	S	fall naturally against the head and positioned fairly high
	-	strong, straight and broad
	S	well shut. The ideal is a scissor bite
Neck	S	lips must be pigmented and not too fleshy and must cover the teeth
	-	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

Tail S must not turn out or in, pointing straight forward
 - 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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