

## **Standards for the Doberman Pinscher**

- General Appearance:** Proud, intelligent, keenly alert, and strong. The overall look of this animal depends greatly on whether or not the ears are cropped. Cropping of the ears gives this breed a more aggressive look.
- Head:** The flat skull is parallel with the muzzle giving the blunt head a long, wedge shape that gradually widens to the base of the ears. The small, high set ears fold. If they have been cropped; (as is the custom in the US and some countries) they will be carried erect. The tail is usually docked at the second joint
- Body:** Squarely built with a well defined, muscular chest. The back is straight and short, with the belly well tucked under the body. The sinewy, heavy boned, muscular legs are straight and parallel to one another from the elbow to the pastern. The tail is usually docked at the second joint and carried above the line of the spine when alert. The dewclaws should be removed at the time of docking. The well arched toes are compact and cat-like.
- Color:** The hard close, smooth, short hair may be one of the following solid colors; black / brown / red / fawn / or blue. While the placement of the well defined rust-colored markings remains constant. Above the eyes / on the muzzle / down the throat / on the fore chest / on all four legs / on all feet / and below the tail.
- Size:** Females: 24-26 inches // 60-65 pounds  
Males: 26-28 inches // 70-75 pounds
- Temperament:** This breed will make for a loyal, loving and playful companion. However, obedience training is strongly recommended. This is an intensely powerful and robust animal in need of firm handling. Due to its ability to be very aggressive when necessary; this animal makes for a natural guard dog. Used world wide in both the private sector and the military, as guard and / or attack dogs