

Mi-Ki Official Breed Standard

Head and Skull

The head should be “apple-domed” with a well-defined stop. The muzzle length varies from ½ inch in length, up to 1½ inch.

Teeth

Level to slightly undershot.

Eyes

Eyes are mostly dark, round, and prominent. Dark eye rims are preferred, but may be lighter and self-colored in dilute dogs.

Nose

The nostrils are wide and open, never pinched. Nose pigment is a black or self-colored in dilute dogs.

Ears

The Mi-Ki ears can be carried erect or dropped. Both ear types are capable of “winging” their ears when extremely excited. Both ears must be either erect or dropped. All ears must be feathered. Very mobile!! Both ear types are acceptable.

Neck

The neck is of medium length, and should never appear short or thick.

Body

The body is slightly longer than the height measured at the shoulder. The back line is straight and level. The chest is of medium depth. The ribs are well sprung.

Forequarters

The well-developed shoulders are laid back to allow freedom of movement.

Forelegs

The forelegs are always straight and never bowed. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed. Feathering must be present.

Hind legs

The hind legs are parallel when viewed from behind. Any dewclaws present on the hind legs must be removed. Feathering must be present.

Feet

The feet are hare-like in shape, thin and elongated. When relaxed, the front feet may turn slightly outwards, but should never interfere with movement.

Height

The height is never to exceed 11 inches at the shoulders.

Weight

Up to 10 pounds

Coat: Two Types

Either is acceptable and neither is preferable. The smooth coat lies close to the body with no beard or mustache and has short fringing on the ears and both the front and rear legs. The long coat is abundant, fine, silky and straight. Feathering is long and down to the feet and a long coat always has a beard and mustache. The tail on both coats has long flowing hair.

On the smooth coat, the head and feet are not shaved. On the long coat, the head and all four feet must be shaved for show.

Tail

The tail is long and set high and carried gaily and well arched over the body with fringing.

Color

All colors are acceptable. Solid colors are rare and highly prized.

Movement

Smooth and flowing with legs moving straight, parallel and in a line at a walk or slow trot, with the back straight and the head and tail up.

Faults

Molera larger than a dime. Thick neck, pinched nostrils, hind legs lacking angulations. Cow hocked and straight stifles.

Major Faults

Pink eye rims or any indication of pink on the nose on dogs six months or older. Muzzle length over one and a half inches.

Disqualifications

Height- Twelve inches at the shoulder. Weight- over ten pounds. Overshot bite, hackney gait and muzzle length over one and a half inches.

A long coated dog that does not have its head or feet shaved.