



Standard n° 4/002

#### **WDF AMERICAN BULLY STANDARTS**

**ORIGIN:** (USA)

**UTILITY:** Bull-Type Companion Dog

**CLASSIFICATION:** Group 4 – Bull Type Dogs

#### **BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:**

The American Bully was born from the desire to have a completely docile companion dog, both with people and with animals, but with a strong and heavy appearance with a particular head. In the mid 90's up, the strain drew attention for its blue color (blue nose), sturdy and compact physique with a large head. For their intimidating appearance these dogs soon received the nickname "Bully style pit bull" based on the term used in the American bulldog breed. At the same time, two other similar bloodlines appeared, equally important to the American Bully: Gotti (or Gottiline), and the Greyline lineage, The "bully style movement" - which also occurred in other breeds such as the American Bulldog, and the Olde English Bulldogge - became very popular, and there were several areas within the concept, and using the aforementioned strains along with excessive inbreeding performance and the inclusion of bulldog breeds, gave rise to dogs with physical characteristics very exotic and robust. With this inclusion of other breeds - based on credible reports, the inclusion of English bulldog, French bulldog, American bulldog, Dogue de Bordeaux (a XL variety), etc. is suspected - the morphological selection finally resulted in American Bully breeds and the its variety of formats, including official varieties: standard, classic, pocket and XL (extra large); which differ in size and weight.

#### **GENERAL IMPRESSION:**

È un cane specificamente di compagnia, essendo così, completamente docile e compagno, sia con gli umani che con altri animali. È un cane attivo mediamente energico che ama camminare e giocare regolarmente.

#### **VARIETY:**

**Pocket:** The Pocket variety is the smallest of the four official varieties and the most popular. Males measure exactly 36 to 43 cm at the withers, while females measure 33 to 40 cm.

**Standard:** the Standard variety is one of the most homogeneous of the four and fairly correct in terms of conformation. Of medium size, the height at the withers of the males varies between 43 and 51 cm, and of the females between 40 and 48 cm.

**Classic:** Dogs of the Classic variety are the ones that most closely resemble the "primitive American bully", and some dogs also bear a great resemblance to the American Staffordshire Terrier. Although they have the same stature as the standard variety, their physique is less robust.

**XL (Extra Large):** The XL variety is the largest of the official varieties. The height of the males varies exactly between 51 and 57 cm, and the females between 48 and 54 cm at the withers.

**HEALTH:**

In general, we find in the American Bully a healthy and strong dog, although the continuous crosses between close relatives have caused the appearance of hereditary diseases in American Bully. They have a slight tendency to develop cataracts, hip dysplasia, heart problems, elbow dysplasia, allergies, hypothyroidism, demodicosis, and deafness.

**HEAD:**

Remarkably large and broad head with a circumference of 20 inches or more for males or 18 "or more for females measured at the end of the jaw where the molars are located and high above and around the crown of the head exemplifies the breed type American Skull: Broad, of medium length with distinct and very pronounced cheek muscles and distinct and deep stop.

**EARS:**

Attached high and can be natural or cropped.

**EYES:**

All colors are equally accepted except albinism (from pink to red) which is a disqualification. Blue eyes, lack of pigment around the eyes are undesirable. The shape of the eyes is oval to almond, low in the skull and set well apart. Round eyes are undesirable, and bulging or bulging eyes are a fault. The visibility of the haw should be minimal.

**MUZZLE:**

Block or slightly squared off to fall sharply under the eyes and wide in width. The length must be less than the length of the skull. The distance from the tip of the nose to the stop should be approximately one third of the distance from the tip of the nose to the back of the head. The top line of the muzzle should be straight with the nose neither pointed nor pointing up in profile.

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well defined. Under the jaw: strong board and parallel to the muzzle, never turned upwards. Lips: semi-closed and uniform, minimum looseness accepted but not preferred. Upper teeth: meet closely on the outside of the lower teeth in shape or scissor bite.

**NOSE:**

Large with open nostrils. All colors / pigments acceptable except albinism (light pink color).

**NECK:**

Heavy, muscular, slightly arched, tapering from the shoulder to the back of the skull.

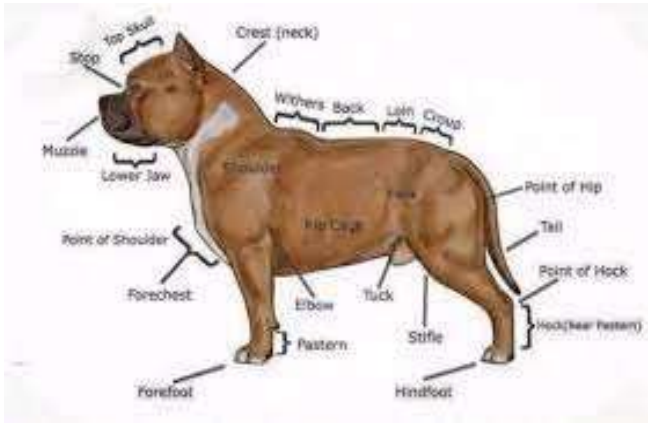
**ARTS:**

Shoulders should be muscular with broad well sloping and deep blades.

**FOREQUARTERS:**

Straight but well spaced, strong, muscular and sturdy with large bones, strong, short and almost erect pasterns. Feet: straight forward. The distance from the withers to the elbow is equal to the distance from the elbows to the soles of the feet.

Dogs that are slightly shorter in distance from the elbows to the bottom of the feet are acceptable but not desirable.



**BODY:**

Immensely voluminous and recognizably muscular build of compact / medium length that gives the impression of substantial power for its size. Well rounded ribs creating a barrel chest with all ribs close together the rib cage to extend to the elbow or slightly below.

**Chest:** Should be broad, deep and well filled. The chest should be roomy, muscular and very deep from the top of the shoulder to the lowest part where it joins the chest.

**TRUNK:**

Rather short to medium back, slightly sloping from withers to rump or accepted straight with slight slope from rump to base of tail. The American Bully should give the appearance of a square body, of equal length when measured from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks and from the withers to the ground.

**REAR:**

Well muscled, hocks lowered, turning neither in nor out. Muscle development, angle and width of the hindquarters must be in balance with that of the forelegs. When viewed from behind, the legs must be straight and parallel. The croup should have a slight downward slope.

**TAIL:**

Medium to size, low set, tapering to a fine point and extending approximately to the hock. When relaxed tail should be carried low. When to wiggle the tail is carried at the level of the topline or in a raised position when excited (challenge tail), but should never be carried rolled up, breaking the plane of the back. The tail must be free from any kinks, knots or curves.

**FEET:**

They must be round and of moderate size in proportion to the dog. Compact, well arched and taut.

**COAT:**

Short, shiny, dense, stiff to smooth to the touch. It should be no more than ½ inch (1 cm) in length.

**COLORS:**

All colors and patterns are allowed. Including Merle Colors Dogs must be healthy and must NOT reach the point where they are considered obese.

**WEIGHT:**

there is no particular weight for the breed.

**MEASURES:**

See the measures divided by variety.

**GAIT:**

The American Bully moves with a confident and proud attitude and attentive to his surroundings. Movement should be free and effortless with a powerful push to the back without hindrance. The front reach should be moderate and balanced with the back. The legs turn neither in nor out, nor do they cross or interfere with each other. Dog moving in the same plane - Each leg moves in the same

shared plane with the other leg on the same side with minimal convergence. The bottom line should remain level, with very slight flex.

**DEFECTS:**

The defects to be penalized but not by disqualification for exhibition are: Haw excessively visible, Eyes bulging, Muzzle too long or pointed, Lack of pronounced stop, Weak or rising under jaw, Albinism and depigmentation of the nose (light pink) Nose turned towards the 'high or pushed back, Tail too long or too short (about 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the tip of the hock) Tail curled, Bite level or flush Neck too short or too long, Shoulders straight Shoulder blade steep and forward (shoulder blade), Forearm too short, Foreheads strongly turned (in or out), Arched forelegs, flexed pasterns (weak arches) Feet spread or flat, Long toes, Hocks turned in or out of hock (cowhide), Long, curly or wavy hair, Movement: Roll, step, sideways movement, hackney action and paddling or hammering, Does not move in the same plane - legs that stretch , crossing front or rear or rear legs that get too close or touch

**SERIOUS FAULTS:**

The faults to be heavily penalized but not the disqualifications for exhibition are:

Severe undershot or undershot (1/4 inch (0.6 cm) or more), Tail twisted, Tail twisted, Knotted tail, Fused tail, Excessively short tail, Long hair.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

Showing or possessing aggressive behavior towards humans, Pink or albino eyes, Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism (lack of one or both testicles).

**IN THE DOG SHOWS THE AMERICAN BULLY EXHIBITS SEPARATED BY VARIETY.**

The Standard Commission

