

FRENCH BULLDOG

standard



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GENERAL APPEARANCE

The French Bulldog has the appearance of an active, intelligent, muscular dog of heavy bone, smooth coat, compactly built, and of medium or small structure. Expression alert, curious, and interested.

PROPORTION AND SYMMETRY

All points are well distributed and bear good relation one to the other; no feature being in such prominence from either excess or lack of quality that the animal appears poorly proportioned.

INFLUENCE OF SEX

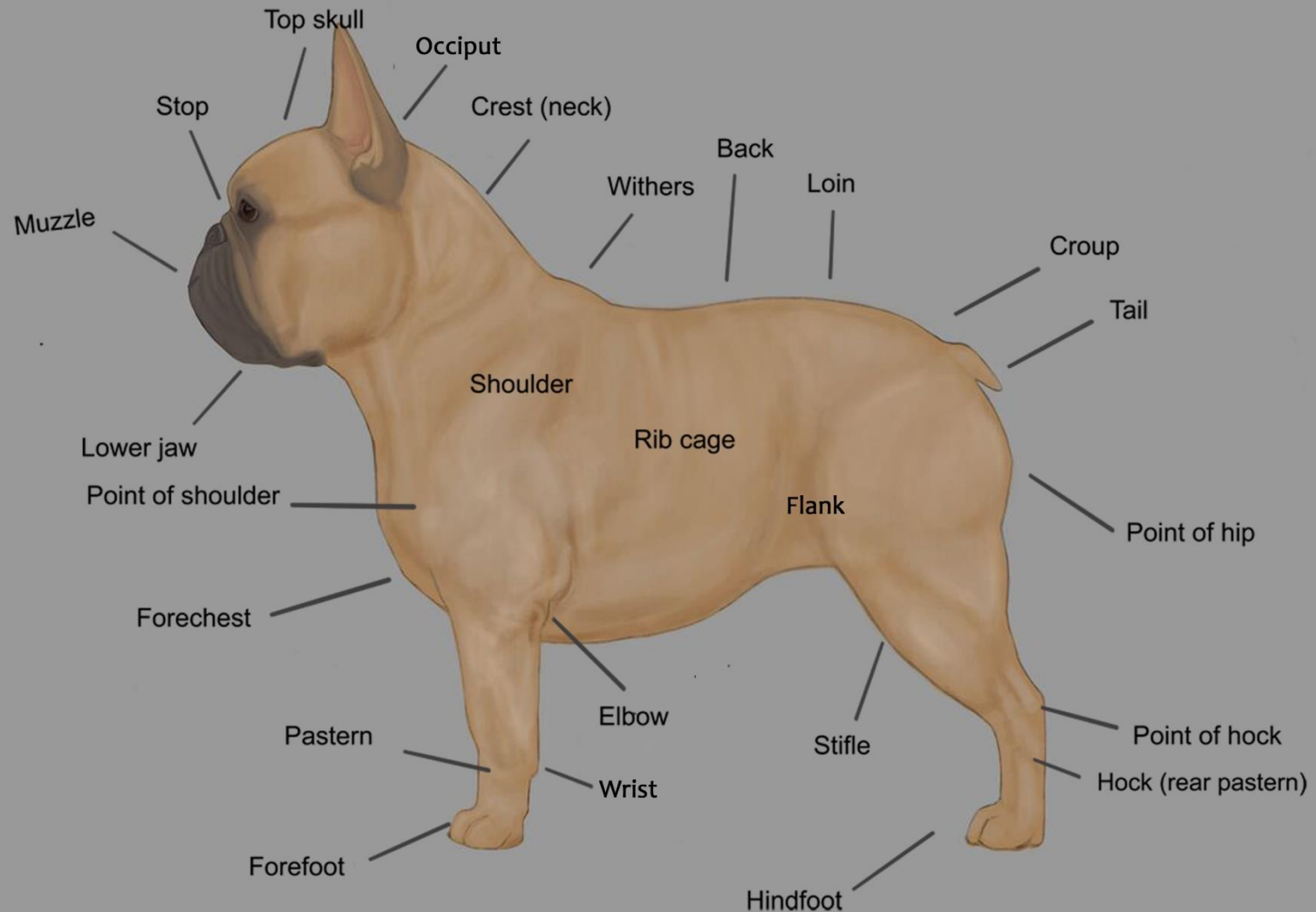
In comparing specimens of different sex, due allowance is to be made in favor of bitches, which do not bear the characteristics of the breed to the same marked degree as do the dogs.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

Weight not to exceed 30 pounds. Proportion—Distance from withers to ground in good relation to distance from withers to onset of tail, so that animal appears compact, well balanced and in good proportion. Substance—Muscular, heavy bone.



French Bulldog

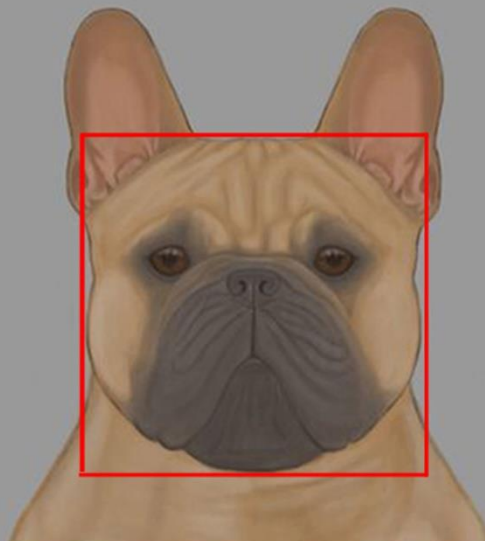
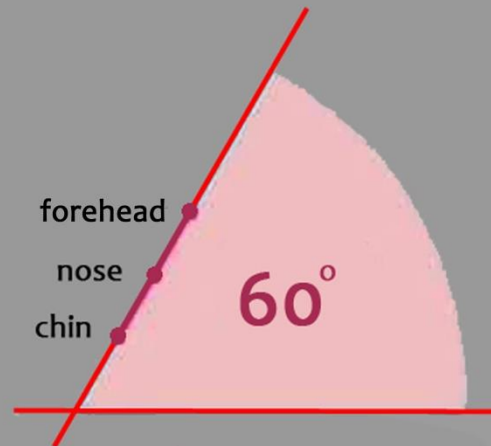


HEAD

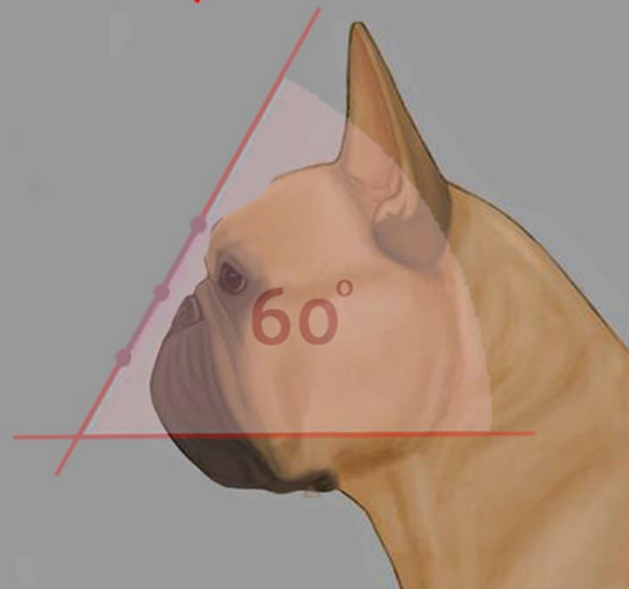
Head large and square. Eyes, wide apart, set low down in the skull, as far from the ears as possible, round in form, of moderate size, neither sunken nor bulging. All eye colors are acceptable. No haw and no white of the eye showing when looking forward. Ears Known as the bat ear, broad at the base, elongated, with round top, set high on the head but not too close together, and carried erect with the orifice to the front. The leather of the ear fine and soft. Other than bat ears is a disqualification. The top of the skull flat between the ears; the forehead is not flat but slightly rounded. The muzzle broad, deep and well laid back; the muscles of the cheeks well developed. The stop well defined, causing a hollow groove between the eyes with heavy wrinkles forming a soft roll over the extremely short nose; nostrils broad with a well defined line between them. Nose all colors are acceptable. Flews, thick and broad, hanging over the lower jaw at the sides, meeting the underlip in front and covering the teeth, which are not seen when the mouth is closed. The tongue must not protrude. The underjaw is deep, square, broad, undershot and well turned up..



HEAD,SKULL,PROFILE

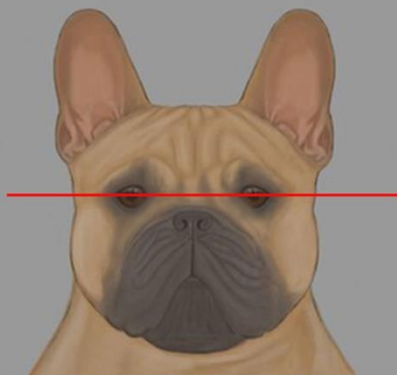


Correct
large and square



Correct
layback in French Bulldog
should be about 60° angle





Downfaced-nose below eyes



Nosey

HEAD FAULTS



Jaw too straight



Incorrect layback-shelf



Dishfaced





Correct



Incorrect - poor earset

EARS



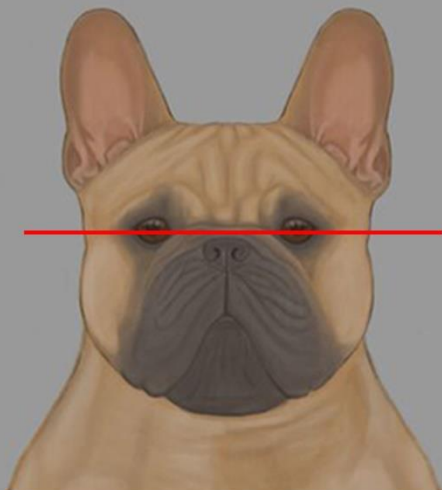
Incorrect - pointed ears



Incorrect - droop ears



EYES



Correct

An imaginary horizontal line passing through four corners of eyes should be right angle with the stop and rest just on the top of the nose



Incorrect - Almond eyes



Incorrect - Overly visible haw



Incorrect - Bulging eyes



Incorrect - Sunken eyes

NOSE, NARES



Correct nares



Incorrect (pinched) nares

BITE



- Underjaw is deep, square and broad

- Undeshot

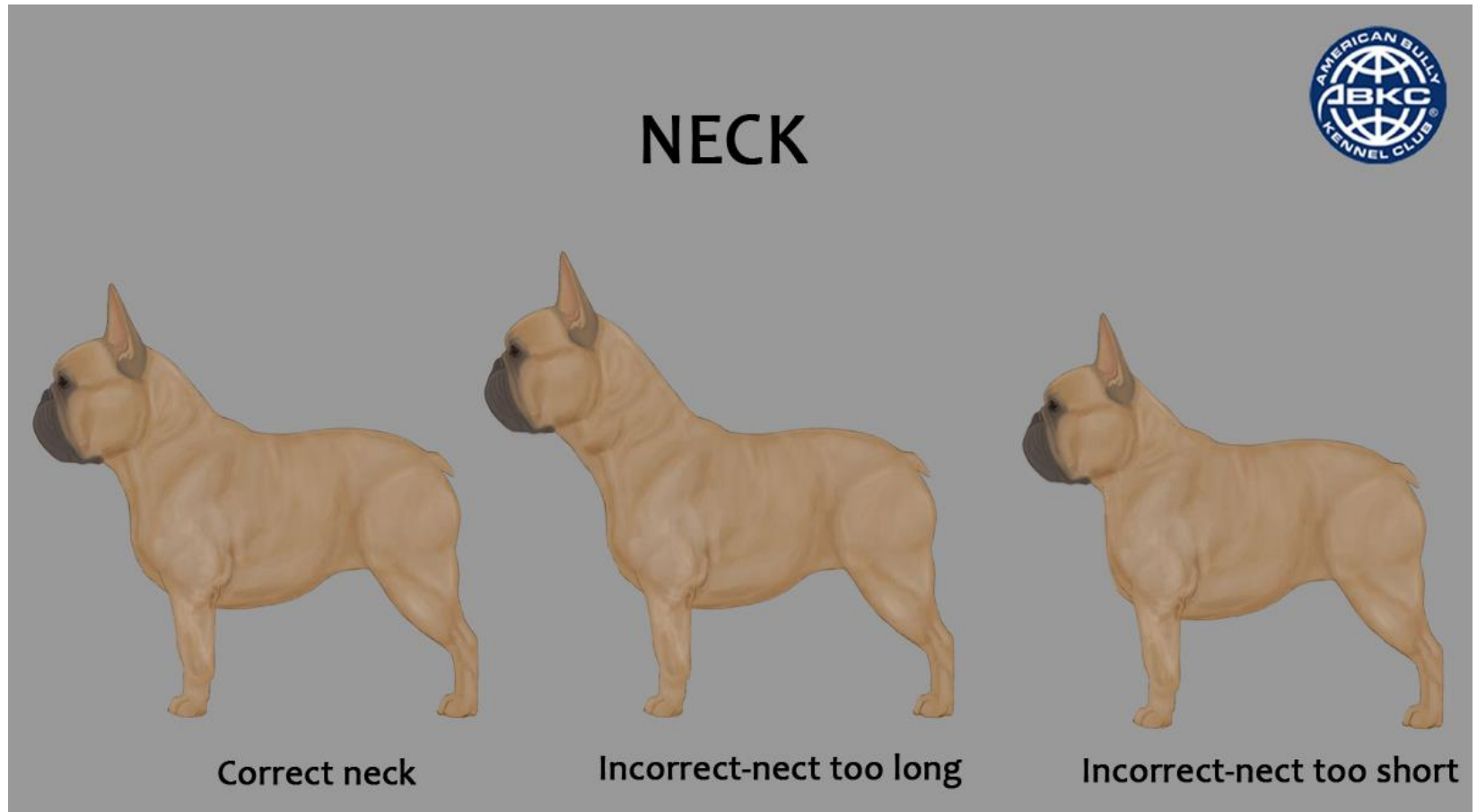
- Well turned up

Teeth are not seen when the mouth is closed



NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

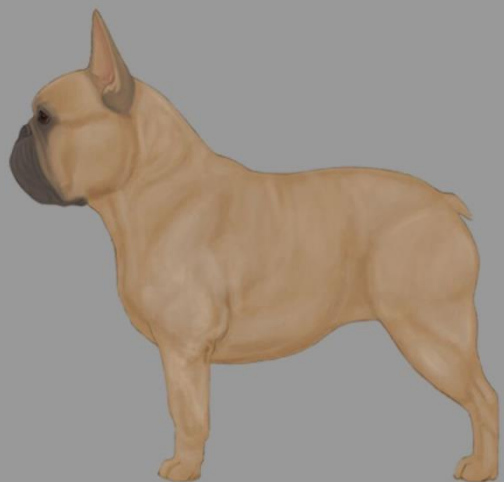
The neck is thick and well arched with loose skin at the throat. The back is a roach back with a slight fall close behind the shoulders; strong and short, broad at the shoulders and narrowing at the loins. The body is short and well rounded. The chest is broad, deep, and full; well ribbed with the belly tucked up. The tail is either straight or screwed (but not curly), short, hung low, thick root and fine tip; carried low in repose.



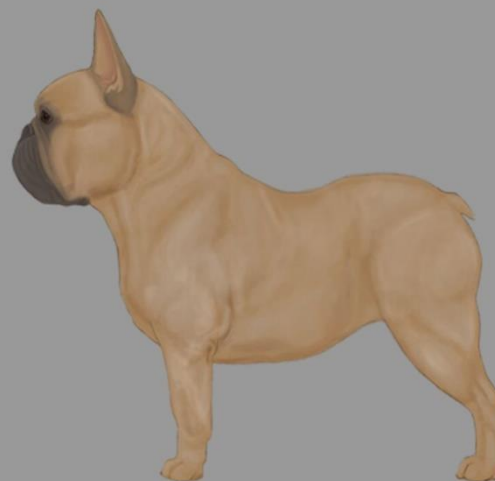
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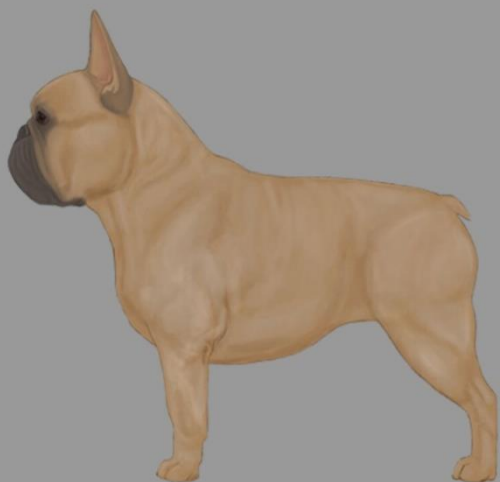


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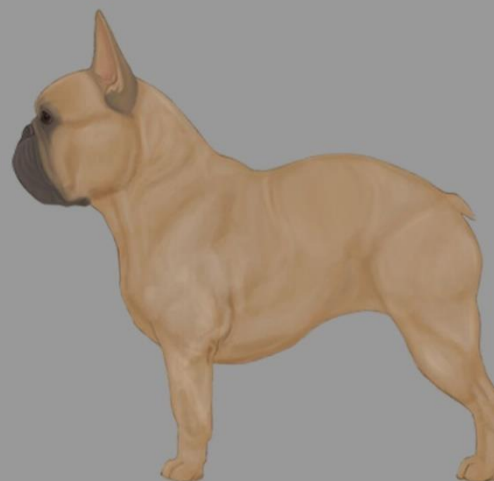


Incorect-sway back

TOPLINES

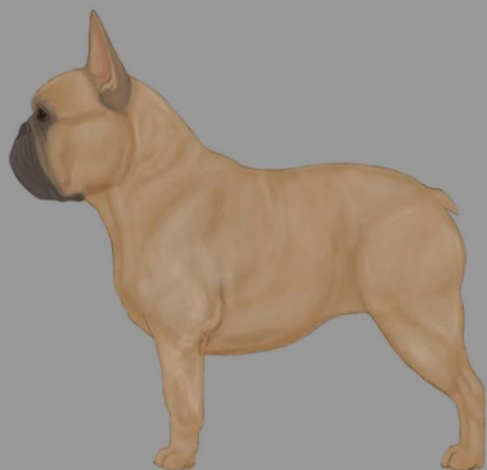


Incorrect-straight backed

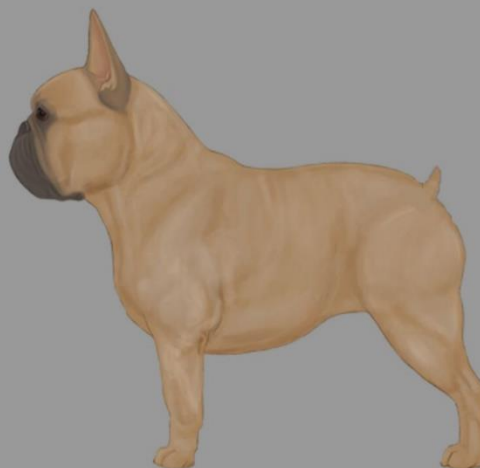


Incorrect-camel backed



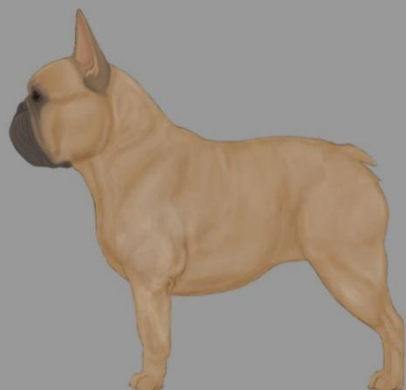


Correct



Incorrect-gay

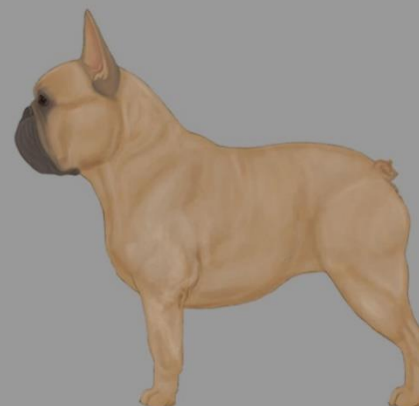
TAILS



Incorrect-high set



Incorrect-inverted



If screwed, no part of the tail
be above the base of root



FOREQUARTERS

Forelegs are short, stout, straight, muscular and set wide apart. Dewclaws may be removed. Feet are moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails.



FRONTS



Correct



Incorrect-narrow
front



Incorrect-east west feet
bowed front legs



Incorrect-feet tend to turn inwards
overly loose elbow



HINDQUARTERS

Hind legs are strong and muscular, longer than the forelegs, so as to elevate the loins above the shoulders. Hocks well let down. Feet are moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails; hind feet slightly longer than forefeet.

HINDQUARTERS



Correct



Incorrect-to narrow



Incorrect-to wide



Incorrect-pigeon toed

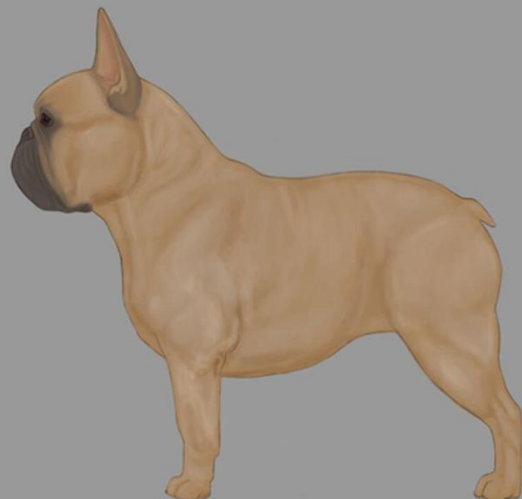


Incorrect-cow hocked

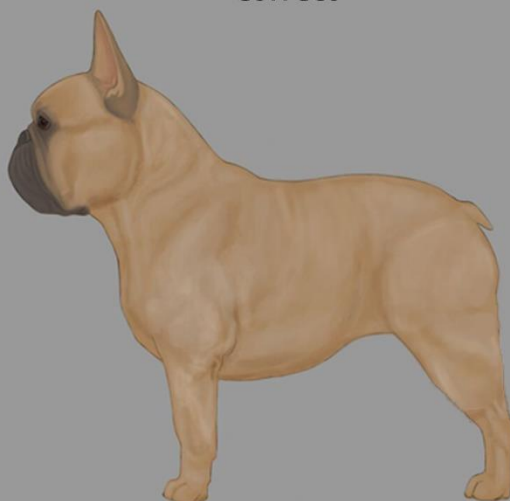




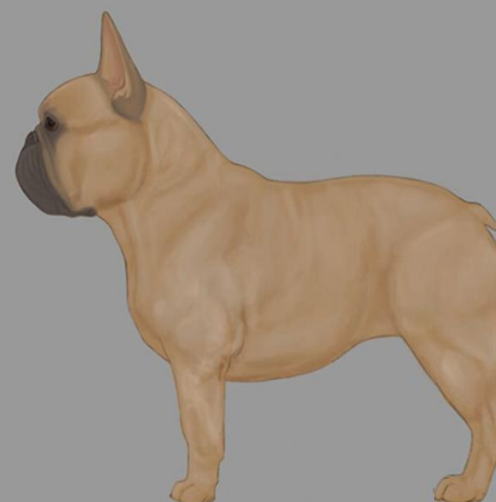
HINDQUARTERS



Correct



Incorrect-straight hock



Incorrect-crooked hock



COAT

Coat is moderately fine, brilliant, short and smooth. Skin is soft and loose, especially at the head and shoulders, forming wrinkles.

COLOR

All colors acceptable.

GAIT

Correct gait is double tracking with reach and drive; the action is unrestrained, free and vigorous.

TEMPERAMENT

Well behaved, adaptable, and comfortable companions with an affectionate nature and even disposition; generally active, alert, and playful, but not unduly boisterous.

*****Dogs exhibiting respiratory distress highly undesirable*****

*****When judging Internationally tail covering anus is preferred*****

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Other than bat ears.





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