

I want to again thank the members of the North Central Illinois Pekingese Club for the honor of judging your specialty on Saturday, June 14, 2014. What a wonderful experience to have so many Pekingese at one time! I was asked to critique the entry and will do so, bearing in mind that I judge on positive features but must relate the variances seen from the standard in my critiques.

BB and Select Dog: Both dogs gave a very good overall impression with excellent grooming, correct coats and proportions. Heads were of good rectangular shape with nice large wide set eyes correctly placed with the nose. The width of underjaw was a bit stronger on one than the other, but the deciding factor, with these two quality dogs, was movement and correct roll over the shoulders.

BW and BOS: Nice bitch from the BBE class. Good wide front movement with pear shaped body, good coat, nice bone and weight to front end. When taking photos, I was told she was a littermate to my BB dog.

WD: A beautiful headed boy. Good rectangular head, upturn of muzzle and dark round correctly placed eyes. His proportions were excellent, great size, good bone and acceptable movement. He was out of coat, but the correct quality of the coat made up for the lack of quantity.

General observations in the classes: Heads varied quite a bit with a number exhibiting too much depth of backskull, approaching a square rather than rectangular appearance. Most ears were of correct length. Pigment was very good, and only a few had wry mouths. Eye size and width between eyes varied considerably. Most did not have the nice rectangular heads called for in the standard. Necks were nice and short. Toplines were good on most exhibits. Fronts seem to be a problem with short upper arm. The curving of the front legs appeared correct when examined on the table but did not follow through on the down and back as many moved very close in front. Chests were nicely shaped but a few were longer in loin without the needed follow through of the rib cage. Tail sets were nice on most of the exhibits. I was amazed at the weight of each animal when lifted from the table. Conditioning was good on most with only a few using "fat" for substance. Rear movement was fair with many moving wider in rear than front. Coats varied with many bitches having less quantity but the overall quality of coat was good. Many exhibits moved with the roll in the rear rather than over the shoulders. The puppy classes were fun to judge with many promising exhibits.

Thank you again for this opportunity and especially for the beautiful Pekingese bag! See you in the ring.
Bev Capstick

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