



BREED FEATURE

The Bichon Frise



They answered

A.1. We have owned Bichons Frises since 1978, and chose this breed because they were new into the country, looked really interesting when we read the standard, and they did not drop coat. Wendy had owned and shown Samoyeds, preferring bitches, so coat dropping was always an issue. The presentation of the breed was a challenge as we had not had a scissored breed before, but we have never doubted we made the right decision.

A.2 From a personal perspective, our own Bichons today have changed little. Our presentation has certainly altered, but we have maintained our balance, our type and the construction of our dogs. Fronts have always been of great importance to us, and a well angulated front is paramount to a good dog. World wide, like many other breeds, fronts are being lost and front angulation has straightened. Is it because of inexperienced breeders, inexperienced judges, or a combination of both?

From a world wide perspective, it has been extremely encouraging to see the balance of the breed become more uniform in the different countries. However, fronts still require much attention from breeders. There are some very good breeders around the world, and the hope is that they can bring back their angulation, which is so critical to allow the free flowing movement that the Bichon is renowned for.

A.3. The five most critical points to look for when judging this breed is :-

When the dog comes into the ring, look for the proud head carriage, free flowing movement with easy reach and drive, and good length of stride. This is a happy little dog and should convey that impression on first sight.

On examination look for correct head proportions – muzzle shorter than skull and an equilateral triangle from the outside corner of the eyes to the tip of the nose.

Pigmentation – this is so important to give the correct expression for the breed. Black nose, black lips, black eye rims, and haloes (the dark skin around the eyes which gives the beautiful soft expression of the breed). Pads are black and can be examined by lifting the feet, not the dog.

Body proportions – in a correctly angulated dog, the front legs should be positioned under the wither, not forward placed under the nose, and the dog should have prosternum. The neck should balance the dog, and from withers to tail should be approxi-

mately equal as withers to ground. The rear should have sufficient angulation to balance the dog, and the tail carriage should be over the back.

The icing on the cake is the coat. It should be soft and plush, stand off from the body, and after examination, if the texture is correct, it should bounce back into position naturally. Hair spray should not be necessary. The dog should be white, although some slight biscuit shadings can be allowed in young dogs.

A.4. **MOVEMENT.** And it would read as follows:-

The dog should have a free flowing movement with easy reach and drive, and good length of stride in front, and plenty of drive behind,

When moving correctly, the dog will have a proud head carriage.

When viewed from the front, the movement should be straight through without any deviation. The rear movement is true when viewed from behind, neither too close nor too wide, and showing black pads.

A.5. The Bichon Frise is mainly a healthy dog. As in all small dogs patellas should be checked by a Veterinarian, and eye health ensured by having an eye specialist check for juvenile cataracts, although the eye specialists report that in the main there are very few problems in this area in Australia.

A.6.. Puppy buyers need to look for a reputable breeder. This can be done by contacting the Controlling body in the State concerned. Go to a show to look at the dogs, and talk with exhibitors about the breed. Read up on the breed where possible to gain an idea of what it is you want from your Bichon. When viewing a puppy, they should be bright and happy, and possess the attributes of the breed. Ask to see the mother and father (although the father may not live with the breeder).

**John & Wendy Hutchison
and Melanie Newman
MONJOIE**

A.1. Since 1978 A well balanced dog with no extremities, size, temperament, and no known serious health issues.

A.2. In the beginning dogs ran the gamut of many different types but now breeders have bred to the ideal and there is so much more equal breed type and specimens that would be winners anywhere in the world.

A.3. Breed Type & Structure as the standard requires. Soundness, movement and attitude.

A.4. **"GAIT"** Free and easy with good reach and drive.

A.5. Like every other breed known to and developed with the assistance of humankind the Bichon Frise is

We asked Breeders

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Bichons? Why are they your chosen breed?

Q.2. How do you think today's Bichons rate with those of say 15 years ago?

Q.3. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in the Bichon?

Q.4. If you were able to add a sentence to the Bichon breed standard what would it be?

Q.5. Does the Bichon have any health problems?

Q.6. What would your advice be to a potential puppy buyer when looking for a Bichon?

bound by genetic compromise.

Most ethical responsible breed-



ers are vigilant in their breeding programmes to eradicate any of the problems or prevalence such as Juvenile Cataracts, Patella Luxation, Bladder Stones.

A.6. Preferably go to a breeder that shows their Bichons as they are in it for the breed not the backyard breeders or puppy farmers that are in it for the dollar.

**Gerri Grieg
TEJADA**

A.1. My first litter of Bichon Frise were born in 2004, so for 12 years now. Prior to that I had been breeding / exhibiting Labrador Retrievers and I discovered that I loved grooming and wanted to do more than what I needed to with the Labs so my search began. After much research – the Bichon was decided upon due to their outgoing, affectionate natures. They fit within our life style and gave me the much desired opportunity to do more grooming. Since the arrival of our first Bichon we have never looked back on our choice of the breed and would never be without one or two or three within our home.

A.2. I believe the presentation of

the Bichon Frise is a lot more refined now, however I honestly feel that the confirmation aspects of the bichon are still pretty much a mixed bag but in saying that I do honestly believe that our Australian dogs are very competitive on a world. Australian breeders now are concentrating on the health aspects of the breed which I believe will in the long run benefit the Breed more so than the ability to produce a top winning show dog now.

A.3. Structure / Proportion
Movement / Carriage
Temperament
Function
Coat

A.4. A Bichon Frise should have "pretty" aspect to their appearance especially in their facial features.

A.5. Overall the Bichon Frise is a relatively healthy breed, however all



breeds have health issues to differing severities and for the Bichon – juvenile cataracts is of major concern for breeders. Testing and careful researching of pedigrees by responsible breeders will help to reduce the incidence of juvenile cataracts.

A.6. Every buyer is different – there is no single piece of advice that fits all except to say buy from a responsible breeder who looks to breed for the betterment of the breed (i.e. health tests) and can evidence it with proof.

**Fiona Vecchio
Mollabru**

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Bichon Frise

THE PAST

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This merry and inquisitive little powder puff of a dog has been around in in much the same form for hundreds of years traded by the early Spanish sailors around the Mediterranean and taken eventually by Italian sailors to the continent where it found favour amongst the Spanish Infantas and nobility. Originally known as either the Bichon or Tenerife, he was finally established in France with the Frise being added to his title in reference to his soft, curly coat. Texture is of utmost importance for this little fellow.

Requiring a soft and dense undercoat and a coarser outer coat with curly texture that combines to give a soft springy feel. His whole outline should reflect a rounded appearance from every direction with longer hair on the ears, head, beard, moustache and tail. For show presentation this exquisite little dog should be perfectly presented yet retain his natural outline with a slight tuck up. This is a trimmed breed and a good eye will assist the overall balance of shape and structure.

To enhance the shimmery whiteness in the coat use Plush Puppy Whitening Shampoo which is ostensibly a toning shampoo giving a brilliant pearly white overtone and neutralizing unwanted warm tones. Use diluted at 3:1 for maximum effect and up to 10:1 for mild tone. For extra lift if that is the main objective, use Plush Puppy Body Building Shampoo at the same dilution. You can mix the two for both effects.



With PLUSH PUPPY

Conditioner is not desirable in this coat as it softens and flattens - the very antithesis of what you require in this case. However some moisturizing and hydration is needed even if you are regularly trimming the coat. The solution to this vexing problem is Plush Puppy Revivacoat which is a moisturizing disentangling mousse and applied to the hands and worked through the coat.

Use also for wrapping the moustache and beard. Revivacoat is never greasy or too heavy and can be repeatedly applied - rather unique! Good also to use prior to any brushing - mix in a spray bottle, a golfball amount to 1 cup water. Truly the solution to this coat where elasticity and moisture is needed but softening and flattening is not wanted. For optimum lift to the head and neck, use Plush Puppy Puffy Dog a good strong hold mousse that is totally water soluble and dries without stickiness. Work well through the coat and blow dry using a soft slicker brush lifting and moving the coat forward against the growth for maximum lift. Once the coat is fully dry, work through with a metal Poodle comb combing section by section and lifting.



Follow through with more scissoring to sculpture the final shape. For any staining around the eyes, use Plush Puppy Coverup Cream. I am against bleaching around the eye fearing always blue eye when handled by the inexperienced. Easier to

cover it up on the day. Apply using a barely damp sponge lightly allowing to dry for a few seconds before reapplying and building in layers rather than heavy handed blobs. Finish with a light application of loose chalk to finish the drying process in damp weather. Can be brushed prior to ring time. As this is a pristine little breed, for ringside emergencies use Plush Puppy Wonder Wash, a no rinse shampoo that really does foam when sprayed and worked into a lather before toweling off.

For all over freshening at those 3 day events, use Plush Puppy Powder Puff for Regular Coats, a unique new cleansing powder that also deodorizes leaving a fresh lemon/ginger fragrance. Sprinkle well over the coat and work through with the hands and preferably blow dry to remove or brush well if drying facilities unavailable. Although this coat is trimmed constantly, a good treatment should it be required, is Plush Puppy Coat Rescue, an intensive moisturizing product that adds structure back into damaged hair. Apply by diluting to a thin slurry and



work well through the damaged areas of the coat. Leave on as long as possible for maximum benefit but good results can be achieved after 10 minutes. Rinse well and work Revivacoat through for easy comb through texture. Adding to the playful tone of this little dog, a light sprinkle of Plush Puppy Pixie Dust applied judiciously by sifting through the fingers or tapped on to the edge of a brush and lightly flicked through the topline and pants, adds hints of glamour and light.

Your Bichon Frise is a cheerful and affectionate little guy. I can just picture him with the pirates and sailors of the Barbary Coast imitating their cheeky and irreverent sense of the merry life at sea - if Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow was a dog, he'd be a Bichon!. His dark appealing eyes and his jaunty tail lend a devil may care sense to his cockiness and affectionate nature. He is a cheeky little fellow and trimmed well to accentuate the rounded aspects of his outline, the expert will reap the rewards for the efforts with this coat. Moving well and true and handled to perfection, he is a hard competitor. Who can resist that appealing expression and the happy chappy of the show lineup?

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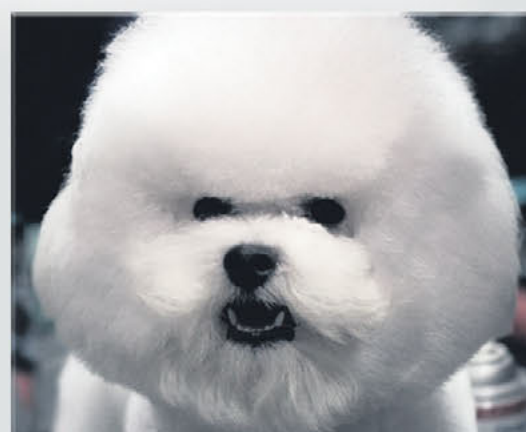
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GENERAL APPEARANCE: Toy dog standing less than 30cm tall. The head carriage is proud and high; the coat falling in soft, corkscrew curls.

CHARACTERISTICS: Lively little dog, with eyes alert and full of expression.

TEMPERAMENT: Gay and happy.

HEAD AND SKULL: The skull longer than the muzzle, the whole head in balance with the body. The muzzle should not be thick or heavy; nor should it be snipy; the cheeks flat and not very strongly muscled; the stop should be slight and the hollow between the eyebrows just visible. Skull flat when touched, although the hair tends to make it look round. The nose should be round, black, soft and shiny. The lips should be fine, fairly tight and completely black, drooping just sufficiently for the lower lips to be covered by the upper, but never heavy nor hanging. The lower lip should be neither heavy, protruding nor flabby and should never show the mucous membrane when the mouth is closed.

EYES: Dark, with dark eye-rims, fairly round, never almond shaped not obliquely set; lively, not too big; never showing any white. Neither large nor prominent. The socket should not be pronounced.

EARS: Narrow and delicate. Hanging close to the head and well covered with tightly curled, long hair. Carried forward when the dog is alert but in such manner that the forward edge touches the skull and not carried obliquely away from the head. The leather should reach halfway along the muzzle.

MOUTH: Scissor bite, that is to say, the incisors of the lower jaw should be placed immediately behind and in contact with those of the upper jaw.

NECK: Fairly long, carried high and proudly. Round and slim near the head, gradually broadening to fit smoothly into the shoulders. Length about one third the length of the body (proportions of 33cm - 11cm for a dog of 27 cm high at the withers).

FOREQUARTERS: Shoulders oblique, not prominent, and equal in length to the upper arm (approx. 10 cm). The upper arm should fit close to the body. Legs straight when seen from the front, perpendicular and finely boned. The pastern should be short and straight when viewed from the front, very slightly sloping when viewed from the side.

BODY: Chest well developed, with deep brisket. The floating ribs well rounded and not terminating abruptly. Loin broad, well-muscled, slightly arched and well tucked-up. The pelvis broad, the croup slightly rounded.

HINDQUARTERS: Thighs broad and well-muscled, oblique. Stifles well bent and hocks well let down.

FEET: Small, rounded and well knuckled-up. Nails preferably black.

TAIL: Normally carried raised and curled gracefully over the back but never tightly curled. It should not be docked and should not touch the backbone but the hair should always fall on to the back. Slightly low set.

COAT: Fine, silky, with soft corkscrew curls. Neither flat nor corded, and measuring 7-10 cm in length. The dog may be presented untrimmed or have muzzle and feet slightly tidied up. (In Australia the coat is usually trimmed to reveal the natural outline of the body. It is rounded off from any direction and never cut so short as to create an overly trimmed or squared off appearance.)

COLOUR: Pure white. Under the white coat dark pigment is preferred. Black, blue or beige markings are often found on the skin.

SIZES: Height: Less than 30 cm, smallness being highly desirable. **FAULTS:** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness of the fault should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

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BICHON FRISE

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From the early 1980's FROSTQUEEN BICHON FRISE have been making their mark in the show ring. Selected lines and guidance from long time Bichón exhibitors and custodians of this beautiful breed Mrs Gerri Greig of Tejada Bichons and Mrs Hazel Chinery of Zettamay Bichons have had much influence on FROSTQUEEN Bichón Frise since we bred our first litter.

This has resulted in many Champions over the years, some including FROSTQUEEN ANGELICA, FROSTQUEEN LUCY IN THE SKY, FROSTQUEEN LUCILLE, FROSTQUEEN DOMINIQUE and other Bichons brought in through Tejada Kennels in Melbourne, Australia. Bloodlines from America and Finland were obtained through Mrs Gerri Greig of Tejada Kennels to improve the quality of our Bichons.



In 2014 FROSTQUEEN made up the first SUPREME CHAMPION BICHÓN IN NSW, SUPREME CHAMPION TEJADA GOTYA NICKERS IN A KNOT (NIKKI). FROSTQUEEN are currently campaigning our beautiful FROSTQUEEN KRUIZE and FROSTQUEEN BOOM CHIKA BOOM(KARMEN) whose sire is the stunning CH LADYKILLERS MIDSUMMER NIGHTMARE (Imp Fin) (FREDDY).

Freddy's daughter FROSTQUEEN BOOM CHIKA BOOM(KARMEN) took out BEST PUPPY IN BREED at SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW in March this year and also shortlisted to the final eight Puppies in Toy Group.

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all those Judges (too numerous to mention) who have appreciated and rewarded our beautiful, quality Bichóns for nearly four decades.

Many thanks have to go to good friends and long time supporters Kylie Morris, Jess Minns and Jodi Campbell and my gorgeous grand daughter Taylah who help groom and handle our FROSTQUEEN Bichón Frise and Japanese Chins.

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