



• BREED FEATURE • AFFENPINSCHER



They answered

A.1. I bred my first litter of Affenpinschers in 1995 after 50 years in Airedales. They are a small lively breed, suited to smaller homes and people of any age - unique to the Dogdom.
A.2. I think the breed has come along



way in the last 20 years, and I hope it continues.

A.3. I would like to see it added that other colours could be shown.

A.4. Whilst I have not experienced any major health concern, SM (Syringomyelia) has started to appear in some

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overseas dogs.

Like all breeds health is a very important aspect of a show dog or a house pet.

A.5. Overall quality - typical. Balanced with moderate angulation front and rear.

Movement must be jaunty, without big reach or drive.

Harsh coat with head and legs being of a softer texture

Healthy in mind and body.

A.6. I am not fond of small squint light eyes, they should be medium in size, dark, round and sparkling.

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Gish Lesh - Strongfort Kennels

A.1. I was given my first Affenpinscher (Threemonkeyz Susi Lass) in 1999 after

falling in love with an Affenpinscher at the clinic where I was working. My first litter was born in 2002 under the Affitude Prefix I love the gregarious nature of the Affen – both serious and comic all in the one dog. As they say “Affens are like

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potato chips you can never just have one”.

A.2. With the rising profile of the breed internationally, the importation of dogs and bitches from prominent kennels and the dedication of committed breeders, the breed in Australasia can compare favourably with the standard elsewhere.

A.3. From the American standard – “The total overall appearance of the Affenpinscher is more important than any individual characteristic”.

A.4. The Affens have a number of conditions to be aware of. Health testing of all stock should be carried out to ensure that we attempt to breed away from these issues.

The current areas of concern are; Hip dysplasia and Patella Luxation. Congestive Heart Failure in Older dogs.

Syringomyelia.
A.5. Soundness.
True Monkey Expression.
Attitude – these dogs are not shrinking violets.
Shape – Nice square compact dog.
Movement.



A.6. Affens that have lost that true Monkey expression which is the absolute hallmark of the breed. With limited breeding stock and lines available any fault is treated on a case by case basis – breeding Affenpinschers is not straight forward as any breeder would attest.

It is difficult to say what the hardest fault is. When looking at any potential breeding you are weighing up all the

We asked Breeders

- Q.1. How long have you been breeding Affenpinschers? Why are they your chosen breed?**
- Q.2. How do you think the standard of the Affenpinscher rates today in Australia and New Zealand ?**
- Q.3. If you could add a sentence to the breed standard of the Affenpinscher, what would it be?**
- Q.4. Does the Affenpinscher have any health problems, and what are they like to live with?**
- Q.5. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in the Affenpinscher?**
- Q.6. What is your ‘pet hate’ when looking at an Affenpinscher, & what do you think is the hardest fault to breed out?**

positive attributes of the breed with the negative and making decisions based on balance. It is no use literally “throwing the baby out with the bathwater” over any one particular problem. The aim should be to breed a healthy sound dog with a great temperament.

**Dr Kirsten Wylie
Affitude Kennels**

A.1. I have shown and bred Cavalier King Charles Spaniels for nearly 30 years, my first Affenpinscher litter was 12 months ago.

I was at a show, showing my Cava-

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liers and I saw a lovely Affenpinscher go into the ring, it was who is now known as American and Australian Grand Ch Airescot Peer Gynt, (at that time he had only attained his Aust Ch status).

I was totally smitten. I feel with the Affenpinscher it is their engaging expression, the mixture of comical importance, their inquisitiveness and their zealous loyalty to their beloved owners that make owning one (and usually you can’t stop at one!!) of these quirky little dogs such an entertaining adventure.

A.2. I have just returned home from Crufts and personally I feel that our dogs here are on par with what was being shown there. I also feel that our top dogs/bitches here could quite easily compete on an equal footing anywhere in the world.

A.3. As I have only had Affenpinschers for @ 3 years now I do not think

at this stage I would feel comfortable in answering this. This perhaps should come from the older breeders of this delightful breed.

A.4. On a whole Affenpinschers are a “healthy & hearty” type of dog living to a ripe old age. Being a smaller breed they



can sometimes have patella problems - so all breeding stock and puppies should be checked . These delightful urchins of the dog world are filled with lively curiosity and great loyalty and are not suited to a kennel life, they should be included in the family, luckily they are of a convenient size to fit almost any lifestyle and tough enough to join in with most activities. They also mix well with other dogs both large and small.

A.5. 1) Monkey - like expression
2) Small , lively , confident, carries itself with comic seriousness.

3) Lively strutting movement, lifting feet high (no hint of hackneyed action or plaiting)

4) Rough and harsh coat, black, grey shading permissible.

5) Sturdy, square dog in appearance

A.6. This would be a bad head, lacking in expression. Personally from my experience over the years there is no “one hardest fault to breed out”... any fault once it is introduced into a breed is always hard to breed out!

**Kerry Rolfe
Elcavel Kennels**



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The Breed Standard

General Appearance:

Rough coated, sturdy in build with a mischievous monkey-like expression. Although small, not delicate in any way.

Characteristics: Lively and self-confident, carrying itself with a comic seriousness.

Temperament: Loyal and loving companion; watchful of strangers and fearless toward aggressors.

Head And Skull:

Fairly small in proportion to body; domed forehead, broad brow and marked stop which is not indented. Muzzle blunt and short but not flattened sufficiently to cause difficulty in breathing or wrinkling of skin. Nostrils large and open. Chin prominent with good turn up. Distance between dark eyes and black nose forming an equal sided triangle.

Eyes: Round, very dark and sparkling. Medium in size and not protruding.

Ears: Small, set high, either drop or erect.

Mouth: Slightly undershot. Broad lower jaw with incisors in a straight line. Teeth or tongue not showing when the mouth is closed.

Neck: Short and straight. Skin of throat tight and unwrinkled.

Forequarters: Front legs straight, elbows neither in nor out carried close to sides.

Body: Back short and straight. Height at withers about equal to length of body, measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock. Well sprung ribs with chest not too deep, combined with only a slight tuck up at loin giving a sturdy appearance.

Hindquarters:

Hind legs well set under body without excessive angulation.

Feet:

Small, round and compact turning neither in nor out. Pads and nails dark.

Tail: Set high and carried high, left a natural length to curve gently over back when moving.

Gait/Movement:

A lively, strutting movement. Lifting feet high when in motion, with no hint of hackneyed action or plaiting.

Coat:

Correct coat needs no trimming, rough and harsh in texture, short and dense on some parts of body and shaggy on others. In particular, longer on shoulders, neck and head where loose shaggy hair stands away from skull framing eyes, nose and chin giving desired monkey-like appearance.

Colour:

Black. Grey shading permissible.

Sizes: Height: 24-28 cm (9.5 -11 ins)

Faults: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

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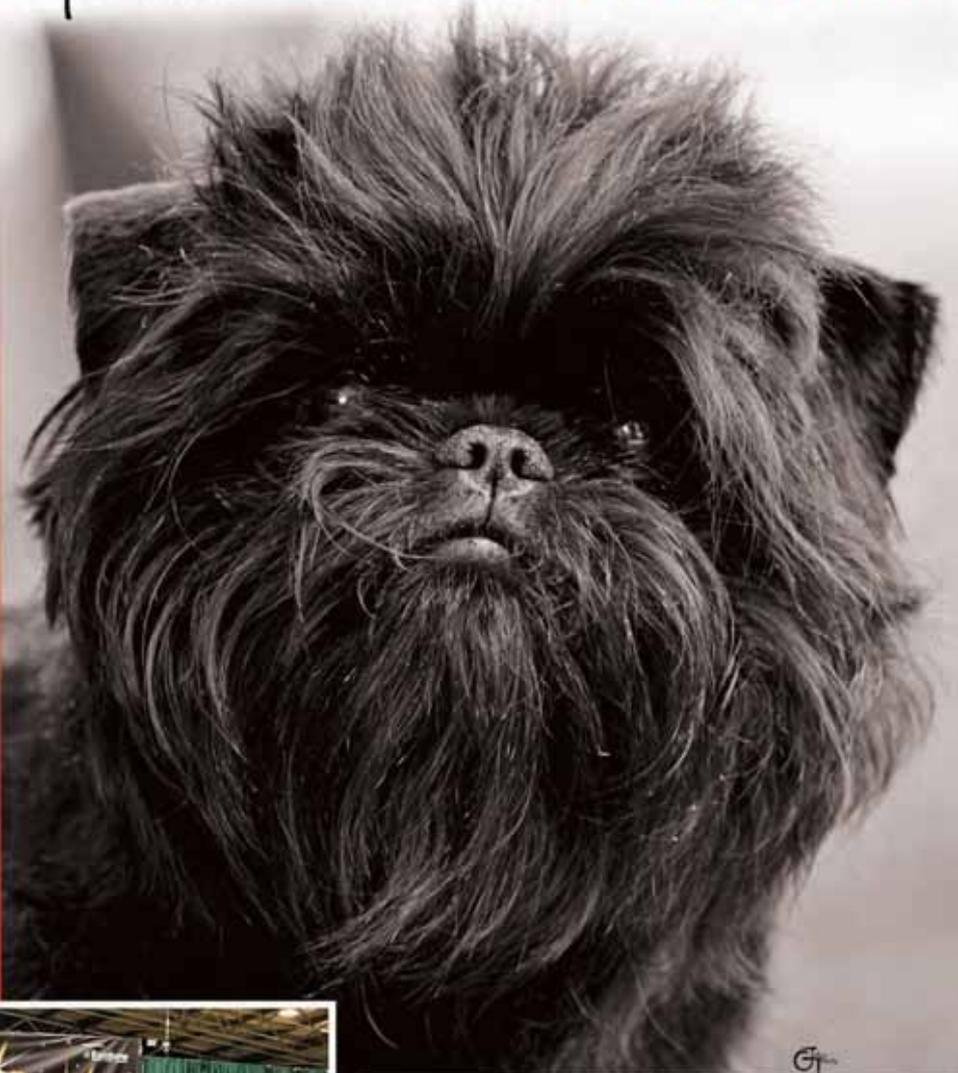
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“Rodger”

This stunning monkey has had an amazing year including Multiple All Breeds and Specialty Best in Show Wins, dual Champion, NZ Grand pending completion of 50 cc and Runner up Dog and Puppy of the Year 2013. Our special thanks to Eric Soti of Keaton Kennels Adelaide for piloting roger in 4 weeks to his Australian title.

I extend a huge thank you to all those judges who appreciated not just this outstanding young dog but my other Affenpinschers. It is gratifying in a rare breed to see acknowledgement in the show ring.



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