

TOOL KIT CHART # 1

# EVALUATING A DOG'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE (PHENOTYPE)

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_ Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of Linebreeding (Ancestors common to both the sire and dam in the first 3 generations) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Evaluated \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator is \_\_\_\_\_

Using the Official Breed Standard (see Chart #3) and the Illustrated Standard as guides, score your dog on the following traits. To describe how a conformation trait is faulted, after the score include a letter code from Chart #2.

**PHENO-SCORE  
Scoring System**

**1 - EXCELLENT**  
(Exemplifies the Standard in every way; can't be improved).

**2 - ABOVE AVERAGE**  
(Meets the Standard and is noteworthy).

**3 - AVERAGE**  
(Acceptable; conforms to the Standard but is not noteworthy).

**4 - BELOW AVERAGE**  
(Departs from the Standard; needs improvement).

**5 - VERY POOR**  
(Is very far from the Standard; very faulted).

**SCORING TIPS**

1. Evaluate dogs in an unstacked position.
2. Use an eraser pencil to record scores - conformation can change with age.
3. Use a #1 very, very sparingly. Think, "Is this trait the best it can ever possibly be?"
4. To describe how a conformation trait is faulted, after the score include a letter code from Tool Kit Chart #2.
5. Have more than one person evaluate and score the same dog.

	<i>Traits Affecting Movement</i>	<b>Pheno scores:</b> Use a 5 score From 1 to 5
<b>A</b>	<b>Overall Balance</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>Shoulder Placement</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>Shoulder Angulation</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>Upper Arm</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>Elbows</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>Forequarters (Front View)</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>Hindquarters (Rear View)</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>Hock Angulation</b>	
<b>I</b>	<b>Rear Angulation</b>	
<b>J</b>	<b>Movement (Front View)</b>	
<b>K</b>	<b>Movement (Rear View)</b>	
<b>L</b>	<b>Side Movement</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>Outline in Motion</b>	
	<i>Other Body Features</i>	
<b>N</b>	<b>Bite</b>	
<b>O</b>	<b>Temperament</b>	
<b>P</b>	<b>Sternum</b>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>Keel (Length)</b>	
<b>R</b>	<b>Head</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>Muzzle</b>	
<b>T</b>	<b>Ears</b>	
<b>U</b>	<b>Neck</b>	
<b>V</b>	<b>Feet</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>Ribcage</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>Topline</b>	
<b>Y</b>	<b>Underline</b>	
<b>Z</b>	<b>Bone</b>	
	<i>Cosmetic Details</i>	
<b>AA</b>	<b>Eyes</b>	
<b>BB</b>	<b>Tail</b>	
<b>CC</b>	<b>Coat</b>	
<b>DD</b>	<b>Pigmentation</b>	
<b>EE</b>	<b>Expression</b>	
<b>FF</b>	<b>Masculinity/Femininity</b>	
<b>GG</b>	<b>Color</b>	
<b>HH</b>	<b>Show Quality</b>	