

FCI GROUP 9

Companion and Toy Dogs

Belgian Griffon	French Bulldog	Phalène
Bichon Frise	Havanese	Poodle, standard, medium sized, miniature, toy
Bolognese	Japanese Chin	Pug
Boston Terrier	King Charles Spaniel	Russian Toy, longhaired
Brussels Griffon	Kromfohrländer	Russian Toy, smooth-haired
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	Lhasa Apso	Shih Tzu
Chihuahua, long-haired	Little Lion Dog	Small Brabant Griffon
Chihuahua, smooth-haired	Maltese	Tibetan Spaniel
Chinese Crested Dog	Papillon	Tibetan Terrier
Coton de Tuléar	Pekingese	

Breeds in bold type are listed in the BSI.

About the breeds in group 9

Most breeds in this group are toy breeds and some have extreme conformation such as shortened skull and underdeveloped muzzle - brachycephalic. Some of the breeds are also chondrodystrophic. Further exaggeration of these standard correct features and exaggerated dwarfism would give rise to serious health problems. *See also page 10 Breed types Toy Breeds.*

The brachycephalic head is part of the breed type in Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs, the Griffon breeds, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniels, Pugs, Pekingese and Shih-Tzus. This may give rise to breathing problems and impaired body temperature regulation. Narrow respiratory channels with restrained breathing and pinched nostrils are serious problems which must be noted. *See also Appendix 2 regarding assessment of breathing distress.*

Several of the breeds have protruding eyes in shallow eye sockets disposing for eye injuries. *See also Appendix 3 regarding eye problems.*

Open fontanel is an anomaly and a disqualifying fault in all breeds.

Wry lower jaw and/or lame tongue, so called paralyzed tongue, are disqualifying faults.

A deviant pattern of movement in some breeds with frantic scratching behaviour and signs of unmotivated pain when on leash may indicate a serious neurological disorder, syringomyelia.

Powerless shuffling movement can be seen in toy breeds as an effect of unsound living conditions causing poor muscles.

Some of the breeds in this group are heavily coated which in some cases has resulted in incorrect, woolly and excessive coats, so heavy that it impairs movement and affects quality of daily life for the dogs. *See also Exaggerations in presentation page 7.*

BSI listed breeds in group 9

The text within inverted commas are quotations from the breed standards.

Belgian Griffon, Brussels Griffon and Small Brabant Griffon

(Griffon Belge, Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabançon) – brachycephalic type

Areas of risk are:

1. **Breathing:** Problems caused by insufficient room in throat cavities and/or ribcage and/or pinched nostrils.
2. **Face:** Overly short muzzle can give rise to eye injuries.
3. **Movement:** A deviant pattern of movement with frantic scratching behaviour and signs of unmotivated pain when on leash may indicate a serious neurological disorder, syringomyelia.

Particular attention must be paid to breathing, nose and sound eyes as well as the pattern of movement.

SOURCE DOCUMENT: <http://www.skk.se/Global/Dokument/Utstallning/special-breed-specific-instructions-A8.pdf>