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**Mi-Ki**  
Standard Provided by ABIDS

**HISTORY:** The Mi-Ki (pronounced Me - Key) The time frame of when this tiny toy dog appeared in the U.S. is approximately during the 1980's. They share common ancestors with the Papillion, the Maltese, and the Japanese Chin. The Mi-Ki was recognized by the States Kennel Club in 1995.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE CHARACTERISTICS:** Being a non-shedding breed they are excellent companions with steadfast temperaments, proving them to be excellent Therapy Dogs. They possess a high degree of intelligence, making them top candidates for the obedience ring.

**HEAD AND SKULL-** A small "apple domed" head, with a well-defined stop. The Muzzle length varies from 1/2 inch in length to 1 1/2 inches.

**TEETH-** Level to slightly undershot.

**EYES-** Dark, round and expressive. Dark eye rims are preferred, but may be lighter in self-colored or dilute dogs. **Major Fault:** *Pink eye rims.*

**NOSE-** The nostrils are wide and open, never pinched. Nose Pigment is black or self colored in dilute dogs. **Major Fault:** *Any pink on the nose of a dog 6 months or older.*

**EARS-** VERY MOBILE! The Mi-Ki ears can be carried erect or dropped. Both ear types are capable of "winging" their ears when extremely excited. Both ears must be either erect or dropped. All ears must be feathered.

**NECK-** The neck is of medium length, and should never appear short or thick.

**BODY-** Although the Mi-Ki appears cobby, the body is slightly longer than the height, measured at the shoulders. The back line is straight and level. The chest is of medium depth. The ribs are well sprung. The forequarters have a well-developed shoulder that is laid back to allow freedom of movement.

**FORELEGS-** The forelegs are always straight and never bowed. Feathering must be present, and dewclaws may be removed

**HINDLEGS-** Are parallel when viewed from behind. Feathering must be present. Any dewclaws present must be removed. **Faults:** *Hind legs lacking angulation, or cow hocked. Major Fault: Dewclaws not removed.*

**FEET-** The Feet are hare-like in shape, thin and elongated. ALL FOUR FEET must be shaved. When relaxed, the front feet may turn slightly outwards. **Major Fault:** *Feet that are not shaved.*

**HEIGHT & WEIGHT-** The height is measured at the shoulder, and is not to exceed 11 inches. Weight is in proportion to the height. **Fault:** *Over 11 inches in height. Disqualification: Over 12 inches in height.*

**TAIL-** The tail is set high and carried gaily and well arched over the body with fringing.

**COAT: TWO TYPES-** Neither is preferable.

**Smooth Coat** lies close to the body and skull with no presence of a beard or mustache on the face, and has short fringing on the ears and on both the front and rear legs and the tail.

**Long Coat** is fine, silky and straight, with long feathering on the ears and on both the front and rear legs, and on the tail. The Long-Coated Mi-Ki may have a Beard and Mustache and must have a neatly shaved head. **Major Fault:** *The long coated dog whose head is not shaved.*

**COLOR-** All colors are acceptable, including Dilute Colors. Solid colors are rare and highly prized.

**MOVEMENT-** Smooth and flowing, with the legs moving straight, parallel and in a line at a walk or slow trot. Good reach in the front and good drive in the rear. **Disqualification:** *Hackney gait.*

**FAULTS-** *Molera larger than a dime. Thick neck, pinched nostrils. Hind legs lacking angulation, or Cow hocked.*

**MAJOR FAULTS-** *Pink on the eye rims or pink on the nose of dogs six months of age or older. Muzzle over 1 1/2 inches. Feet that are not shaved. The long coated dog whose head has not been shaved. Rear Dewclaws that have not been removed.*

**DISQUALIFICATIONS-** *Height 12 inches at the shoulder. Overshot. Hackney gait.*