



***TBDCA Official Standard***  
**Thai Bangkaew Dog**  
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**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** The Bangkaew, presents a picture of agility and alertness. It is a medium-size Spitz type dog, square in profile. The Thai Bangkaew Dog is compactly built and well proportioned, with a smooth gait. The head is in proportion to the body with erect triangular shaped ears. The double coat consists of a short, undercoat, with a longer guard hair growing through it forming the outer coat, which is straight with no curl or wave. The coat is thicker and longer around the neck, chest and back forming a lion-like ruff, which is more noticeable on dogs than on bitches. The richly plumed tail is carried with moderate upward curve over the back.

**SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE**

**Height: Measured at the withers: Dogs:** 19-21 in. **Bitches:** 17-19 in. with the range of plus or minus one inch

**Weight: Dogs:** approximately 40-45 lbs **Bitches:** approximately 35-40 lbs. Weight is in proportion to height. The measurements mentioned above represent the extreme height and weight limits with no preference given to either extreme.

**Proportion:** Square in profile and close coupled. Distance from brisket to ground appears to be half the height at the withers. Distance from forechest to rump equals the height at the withers.

**Substance:** The Thai Bangkaew Dog is compactly built with adequate bone.

**Faults:** *Oversize, undersize*

**HEAD:** In balance with body, strong and dry (without loose skin).

**Stop:** Moderate **Eyes:** small, almond shaped. Color of eyes is black or dark brown. **Faults:** *Light, round or large eyes*

**Muzzle:** Muzzle of medium length and medium width, neither coarse nor snipy; should taper toward the nose and be in proportion to the size of the dog and the width of skull. **Faults:** *Muzzle too broad.*

**Ears:** should conform to head size and be triangular, held erect, set on high yet moderately spaced, and blend softly with the head.

**Faults:** *Large ears*

**Nose:** black pigment

**Bite and Dentition:** Strong with scissors bite preferred, but level bite acceptable, full dentition. **Faults:** *More than 3 missing teeth, overshot, undershot*

**NECK, TOP-LINE, BODY**

**Neck:** Strong, well muscled, carried proudly erect, set on sloping shoulders to carry head with dignity when at attention. Arched neck blends gracefully into shoulders.

**Shoulders:** Moderately laid back and well muscled. **Faults:** *Straight shoulders*

**Chest:** Deep, reaching to the point of the elbow, moderate forechest. **Faults:** *"Barrel ribs", pinched front, chest too broad.*

**Back:** The back is straight and strong, with a level top-line from withers to croup. The body is short and close-coupled. The loin is firmly muscled with a moderate tuck up. **Faults:** *Weak or slack back, roached back, sloping top-line.*

**Croup:** Moderately sloping. **Faults:** *Flat croup.*

**FOREQUARTERS**

**Shoulders:** Shoulders strong and powerful with moderate layback.

**Forelegs:** Straight and strong, moderate bone, parallel when viewed from front. Pasterns short and slope very slightly.

**Feet:** Round, arched and tight, dewclaws may be removed. **Faults:** *Splayed toes, toeing in or out.*

**HINDQUARTERS:** Hindquarters appear lighter than the forelegs. Angulation moderate, in balance with forequarters. Hind legs: When standing and viewed from the rear, the hind legs are moderately spaced and parallel. Stifle moderately bent and hocks well let down, turning neither in nor out. **Faults:** *Cowhocked, turned out hocks, too narrow or too wide in rear.*

**Feet:** Round, arched and tight, dewclaws may be removed. **Faults:** *Splayed toes, toeing in or out.*

**TAIL:** moderately long, well plumed, thick towards the base, well set on and carried with moderate upward curve over back.  
**Faults:** *A snapped or tightly curled tail; tail set too low or too high: lack of feathering.*

**GAIT:** Brisk with strides of moderate length. Back remains strong, firm and level. Rear legs move in line with front legs.  
**Faults:** *Paddling, cowhocked, weaving.*

**COAT:** The coat is double and medium in length. The undercoat is soft and full. The outer coat is straight with a harder texture than the undercoat. Guard coat is long and forming a ruff around the back of ears, neck and shoulders. There is a pronounced ruff around the neck which is more noticeable on dogs than bitches. Long guard coat may extend from the withers to the croup. Back of forelegs are covered with feathers diminishing to the pasterns. Hind legs are covered with long hair to the hocks. Tail covered with a long plume. Trimming for neatness is permissible **Faults:** *Lack of ruff, lack of feathers on back of forelegs, short or smooth coat*

**Color:** Parti-color or white with patches of tan, red, brown, gray, (may be tipped in black) or black. Size, shape and placement of patches of color are without importance.

**TEMPERAMENT:** The Thai Bangkaew Dog is intelligent, alert, and friendly, although slightly conservative. It is never overly shy nor aggressive, and such dogs are to be severely penalized in the show ring. At home it is an excellent watchdog, sounding a warning bark to announce the arrival of any stranger. It is protective of its home and family, although it does not threaten to bite or attack.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** *Monorchid or Cryptorchid*

**NOTE:** *Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.*