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Litter Evaluation Score Sheet

We conduct our litter evaluations using the Hastings' approach (2007) and the *Official Standard of the Pug* from the American Kennel Club (AKC, 2008) when the puppies are 8 weeks old (give or take 2 days). Print this evaluation sheet to follow along with our video, "Loli's Pug Puppies: Week 8 - Litter Evaluation" on YouTube.com at: <https://youtu.be/TpftV8GQuOc>. You can pause the video as necessary. Circle the number you feel best represents what the puppy displays for each category. Tally your scores and put the sum on the last page. Good luck!

PUPPY MICROCHIP #: _____

CIRCLE YOUR SCORE FOR EACH CATEGORY:

1. General Appearance

"Symmetry and general appearance are decidedly square and cobby. A lean, leggy Pug and a dog with short legs and a long body are equally objectionable" (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Size, Proportion, Substance, Condition

"The Pug should be *multum in parvo*, and this condensation (if the word may be used) is shown by compactness of form, well-knit proportions, and hardness of developed muscles. Weight from 14 to 18 pounds (dog or bitch) desirable. Proportion square" (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

3. Neck, Topline, Body

“The neck is slightly arched. It is strong, thick, and with enough length to carry the head proudly. The short back is level from the withers to the high tail set. The body is short and cobby, wide in chest and well ribbed up” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. Head

“The head is large, massive, round—not apple-headed, with no indentations of the skull” (AKC, 2008).

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5. Wrinkles

“The wrinkles are large and deep” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

6. Muzzle

“The muzzle is short, blunt, square, but not upfaced. Bite—a Pug’s bite should be very slightly undershot” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. Eyes

“The eyes are dark in color, very large, bold and prominent, globular in shape, soft and solicitous in expression, very lustrous, and when excited, full of fire” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. Ears

“The ears are thin, small, soft, like black velvet. There are two kinds—the “rose” and the “button”. Preference is given to the latter” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

9. Forequarters & Hindquarters

“The legs are very strong, straight, of moderate length, and are set well under. The elbows should be directly under the withers when viewed from the side. The shoulders are moderately laid back. The pasterns are strong, neither steep nor down. The feet are neither so long as the foot of the hare, nor so round as that of the cat; well split-up toes, and the nails black. Dewclaws are generally removed. The strong, powerful hindquarters have moderate bend of stifle and short hocks perpendicular to the ground. The legs are parallel when viewed from behind. The hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters. The thighs and buttocks are full and muscular. Feet as in front” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

10. Tail

“The tail is curled as tightly as possible over the hip. The double curl is perfection” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11. Temperament

“This is an even-tempered breed, exhibiting stability, playfulness, great charm, dignity, and an outgoing, loving disposition” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

12. Coat

“The coat is fine, smooth, soft, short and glossy, neither hard nor wooly” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

13. Color

“The colors are fawn or black. The fawn color should be decided so as to make the contrast between the color of the trace and the mask. **Disqualification** - Any color other than fawn or black” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

14. Markings

“The markings are clearly defined. The muzzle or mask, ears, moles on cheeks, thumb mark or diamond on forehead, and the back trace should be as black as possible. The mask should be black. The more intense and well defined it is, the better” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

15. Trace

“The trace is a black line extending from the occiput to the tail” (AKC, 2008).

1 2 3 4 5

Total Score: _____

References

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