



The Löwchen Club of America

Clarification on Coat

The Löwchen Standard calls for a moderately dense coat that can have a degree of waviness, but should not be wiry, woolly, curly, or flat. The standard does not specify length of the unclipped portions aside from the plume on the tail to touch the back of the dog. There are not multiple varieties of Löwchen in regards to coat as described in the standard.

The coat is a non-shedding coat with multiple textures. The optimal texture is 50% finer softer hairs and 50% thicker silkier hairs. This texture creates an easy to maintain coat.

It is noted that young Löwchen will appear to have a sculpted and shaped look as the coat at that age is the same length. The puppy coat is also softer than an adult coat. Puppies do not have coat long enough to experience coat breakage, and puppies are not to be penalized for having a sculpted appearance due to age.

Löwchen are active dogs, and as such the coat does break. In many dogs, the way the coat breaks can appear straight or perfect from a distance, particularly on the cuffs, underline, and ears. Upon examining the coat up close, judges will be able to evaluate whether or not the coat has blunt edges from trimming with man-made tools and whether or not the coat is comprised of exactly the same length or various lengths of hair.

Seemingly straight lines on the long coat from natural breakage has been observed for many years. In viewing exhibition photos from various parts of the world and throughout time, straight lines from natural breakage on the cuffs, underline, and ears is common. This is not an indication of trimming or shaping by human action.

Additionally, chewed coats can appear to have very straight lines as well. Natural breakage or canine chewing of the coat, even if appearing to be straight, shall not be assumed to be intentionally trimmed or sculpting.

Judges can expect to see variation in coat texture and length based on genetic contributions, coat care, and coat presentation. Untrimmed long coat, regardless of presentation or care, is not to be penalized.

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