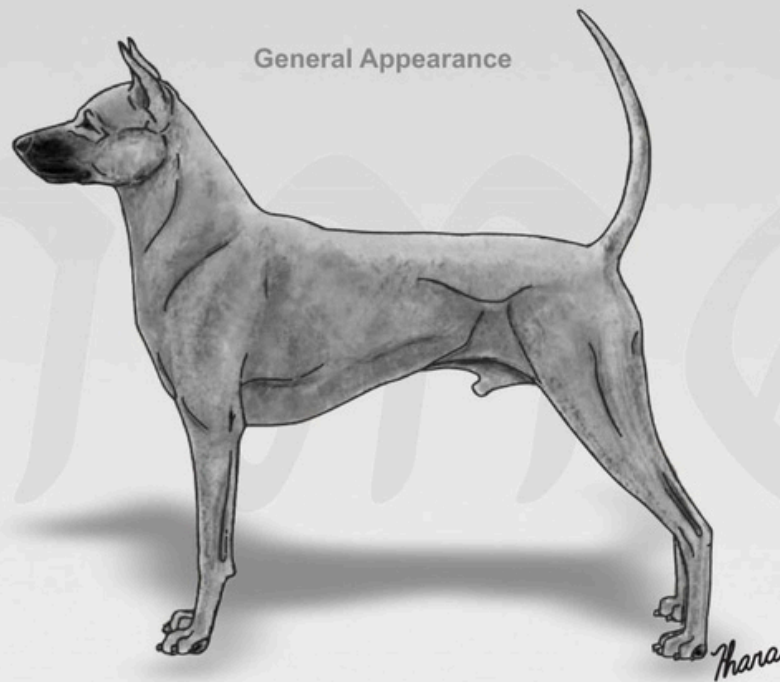


THAI RIDGEBACK DOG



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Origins and History : Thai Ridgeback Dog

The Thai Ridgeback is an ancient, natural indigenous breed from Eastern Thailand (Chanthaburi/Trat), used for centuries as hunting dogs, guardians, and cart-followers. Identified by a distinct hair ridge along their spine, they are highly independent, loyal, and athletic, having evolved through natural selection in a tropical climate. They were developed over hundreds of years through natural selection, not crossbreeding. Records of these dogs date back approximately 350 years, particularly in the eastern region of Thailand. They were used by locals for hunting, protecting property, and accompanying carts to ward off danger. Due to limited transportation in the eastern region in the past, the breed retained its original, pure characteristics for centuries.

ORIGIN: Thailand.

UTILIZATION: Hunting **and companion dog.**

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL VALID STANDARD: 26.05.2003.

FCI'S CLASSIFICATION: Group 5 Spitz and primitive types.
Section 7 Primitive Type-Hunting Dogs.
Without working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The Thai Ridgeback Dog is an old breed which can be seen in the archeological **documents** in Thailand which **were** written about **360** years ago. **It was used mainly for hunting in the eastern part of Thailand. People** also used it to escort their carts and as a watch dog. The reason why it has kept its own original type for **so many** years is **due to** poor transportation systems in the eastern part of Thailand; it had fewer chances to crossbreed with other breeds.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Medium-sized dog with short hair forming a ridge along the back. The body is slightly longer than its height at withers. Muscles are well developed, and its anatomical structure is suitable for activities.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:

Length of body: **Height at the withers** = 11 : 10

Depth of chest : Height at the withers = 1 : 2

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Tough and active with excellent jumping ability. **A loyal family dog.**

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: The skull is flat between the ears but slightly rounded when seen from the side.

Forehead: Wrinkles when the dog is attentive.

Stop: Clearly defined, but moderate.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: **Black.** In blue dogs, the nose is bluish.

Nasal bridge: Straight and long.

Muzzle: Wedge-shaped, slightly shorter than skull.

Lips: Tight with good pigmentation.

Mouth: Black marking on the tongue is preferable.

Jaws: Upper and lower jaws are strong.

Teeth: White and strong with scissors bite.

EYES: Medium size and almond shaped. The eye colour is dark brown. In blues, amber-coloured eyes are permitted.

EARS: Set on sides of the skull. Medium sized, triangular, inclining forward and firmly pricked. Not cropped.

NECK: Medium length, strong, muscular, slightly arched and holding head high.

BODY

Back: Strong and level.

Loin: Strong and broad.

Croup: Moderately sloping.

Chest: Deep enough to reach the elbows. The ribs are well sprung, but not barrel-shaped.

Underline and belly: The belly is well tucked up.

TAIL: Thick at base with gradual tapering toward the tip. The tip can reach hock joints. Carried vertically and slightly curved.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS :

Shoulder: Well laid back.

Forearm: Straight.

Pastern: Straight when seen from the front and very slightly sloping when seen from the side.

Forefeet: Oval. Nails black but can be lighter depending on coat colour.

HINDQUARTERS:

Thighs: Well developed with well bent stifles.

Hocks: Strong and well let down.

Rear Pastern: Straight and parallel when seen from the rear.

Hind feet: Oval

GAIT: Reachy stride with no pitching nor rolling of the body. **Parallel tracking at normal speed.** When viewed from the front, the forelegs move up and down in straight lines so that the shoulder, elbow and pastern joints are approximately in line with each other. When viewed from the rear, the stifle and hip joints are approximately in line. **Movement in a straight line** forward without throwing the feet in or out; thus, enabling the stride to be long and drive powerful. The overall appearance of the moving dog is one of smooth flowing and well balanced rhythm.

SKIN: Soft, fine and tight. **Throat:** no dewlap.

COAT

Hair: Short and smooth. The ridge on the top region is formed by the hair growing in the opposite direction to the rest of the coat. It should be clearly defined from other parts of the back. There are various shapes **and lengths** of ridge, but **must be symmetrical on either side of the backbone and within the width of the back.** **Crowns or whirls at the head of the ridge are acceptable.**

Colour: Solid colour: **red, black, blue and very light fawn (isabella)**. **Black mask is preferable in reds.**

SIZE: Ideal height at the withers: Dogs 22-24 inches (56-61 cm)
Bitches 20-22 inches (51-56 cm).

There is a tolerance of **plus or minus one inch (2.5 cm)**.

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

- Any bite other than scissors bite.
- Unbalanced ridge.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

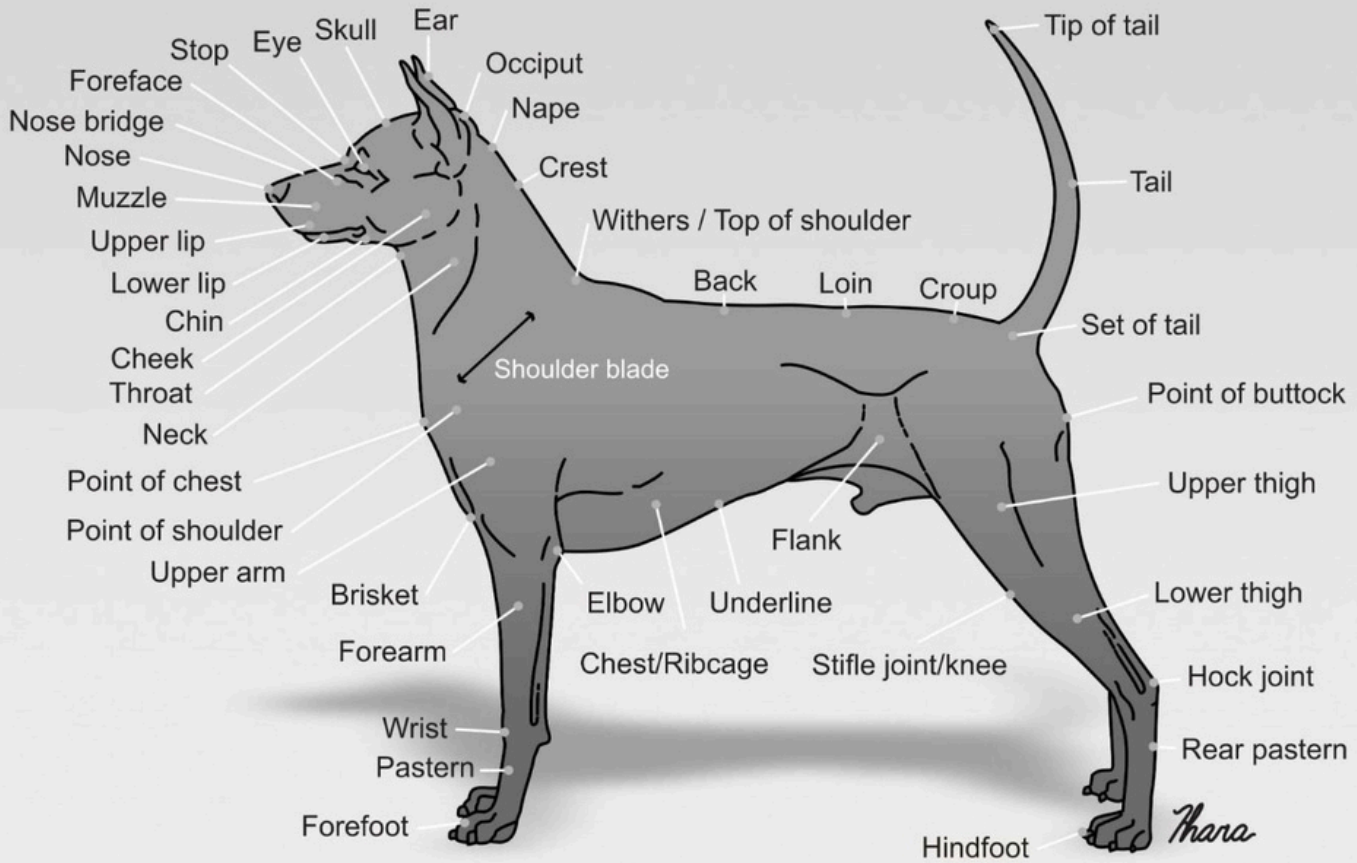
- **Aggressive or overly shy dogs.**
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.
- Dogs without ridge
- Long hair.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

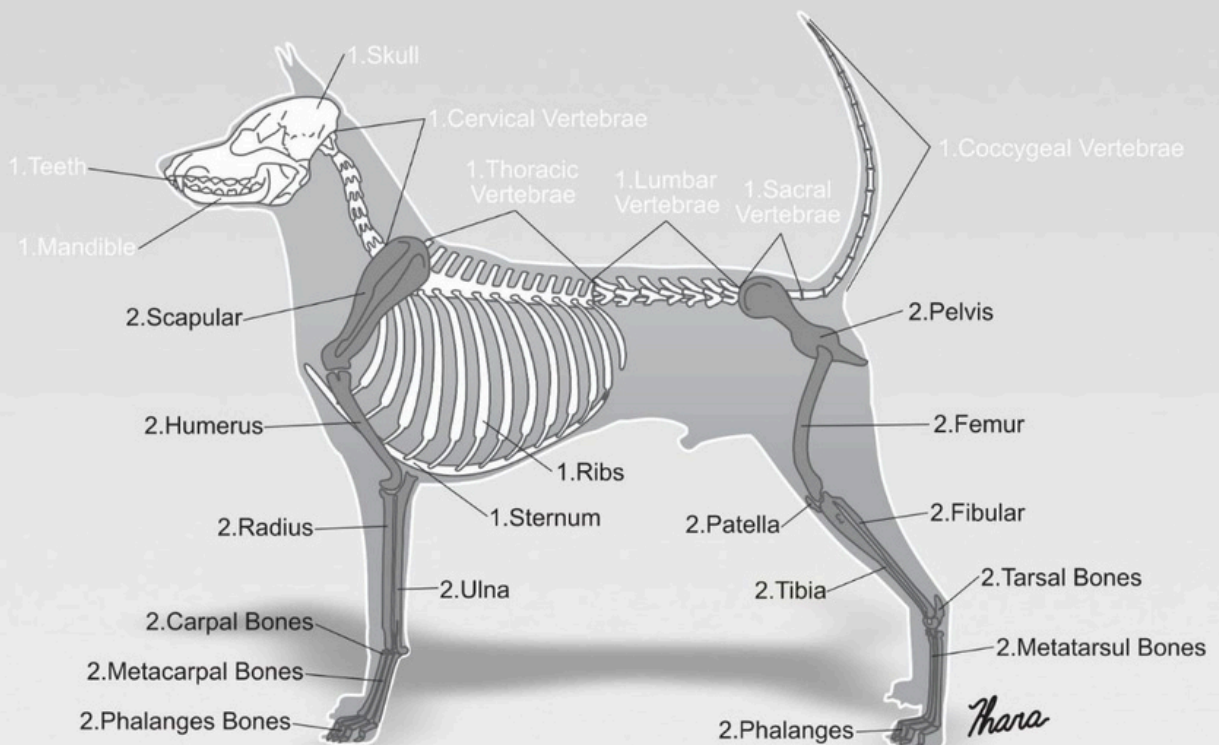
The latest amendments are in bold characters.

SURFACE ANATOMY



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SKELETON



☐ 1. Axial Skeleton

■ 2. Appendicular Skeleton

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The skull is flat between the ears but slightly rounded when seen from the side.

Forehead: wrinkles when the dog is attentive.

Stop: clearly defined, but moderate.

Muzzle: wedge-shaped, slightly shorter than skull.

Shoulder: well laid back.

Forearm: straight.

Pastern: slightly sloping.

Ears: triangular, inclining forward and firmly pricked

Back: strong and level.
Loin: strong and broad.
Croup: moderately sloping.

The belly: well tucked up.

Thighs: well developed with well bent stifles.

Tail: thick at the base gradually tapering toward the tip. The tip can reach hock joints. Carried vertical and slightly curved.

Shapes and lengths of ridge: much be symmetrical on either side of back bone within the width of the back.

Hocks: strong and well let down.

Size: ideal height at the withers:
Dogs: 22-24 inches (56-61 cm.)
Bitches: 20-22 inches (51-56 cm.)
There is a tolerance of plus or minus one inch

Length of body / Height at withers = 11:10
Depth of chest / Height at withers = 1:2

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1. Shoulder blade

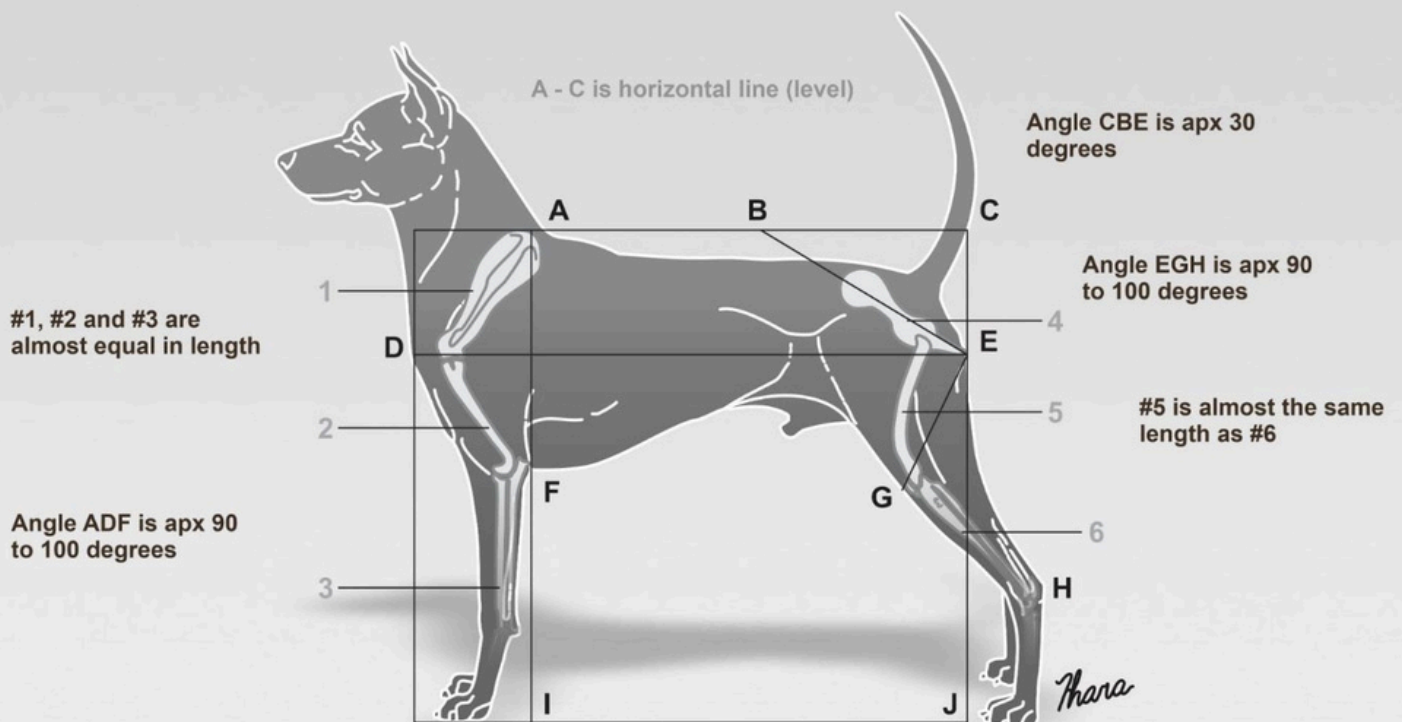
2. Upper arm

3. Forearm

4. Pelvis

5. Upper thigh

5. Lower thigh



Elbow (F) is directly beneath the top of withers (A)
Tip of toes (J) is directly beneath the buttocks (E)

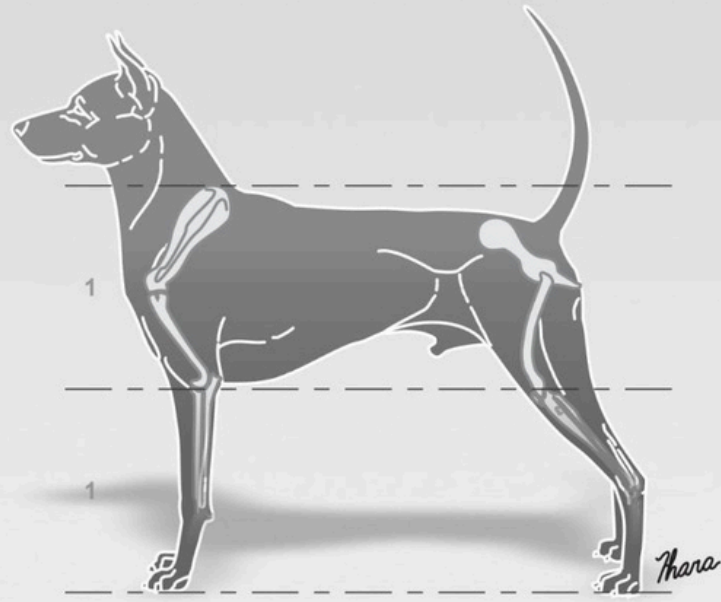
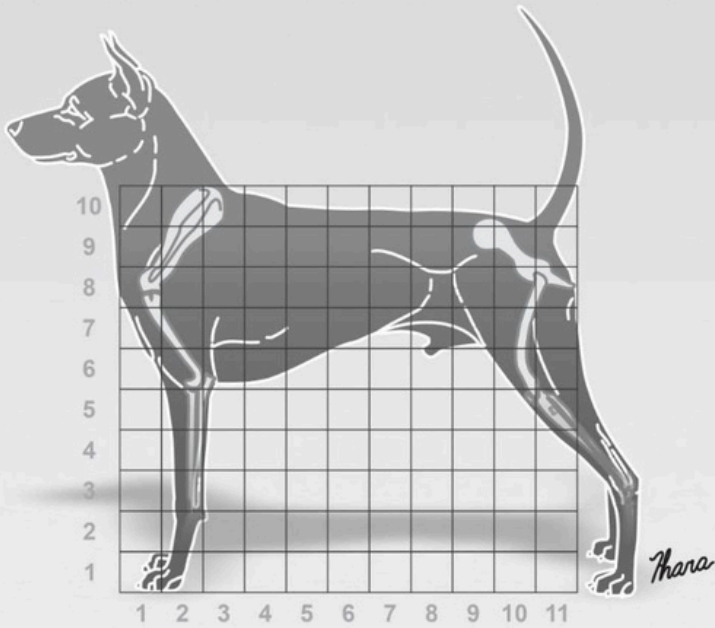
Show ring presentation of the TRD stacked with a slightly slope topline is allowable.
Too slope topline is a fault.

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IMPORTANT PROPORTION

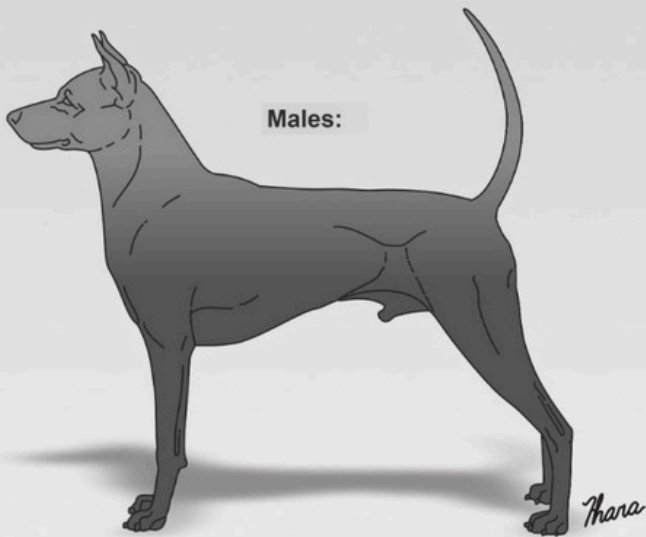
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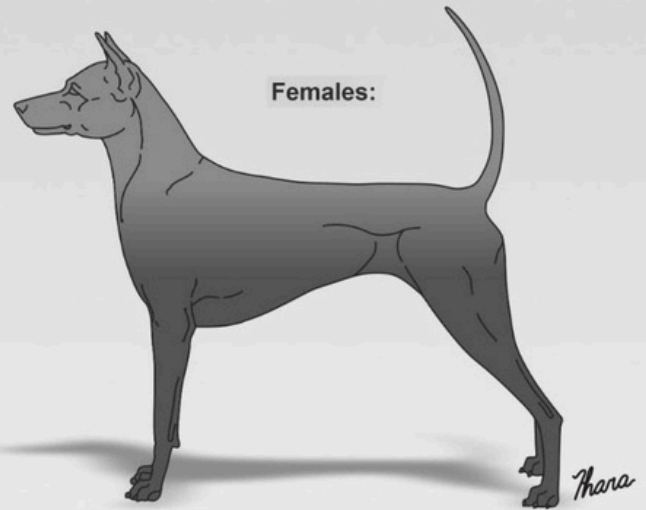
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SIZE



Males:

Ideal height at the withers:
Min. 56 cm. Max. 61 cm.



Females:

Ideal height at the withers:
Min. 51 cm. Max. 56 cm.

(There is a tolerance of plus or minus 2.5 cm.)

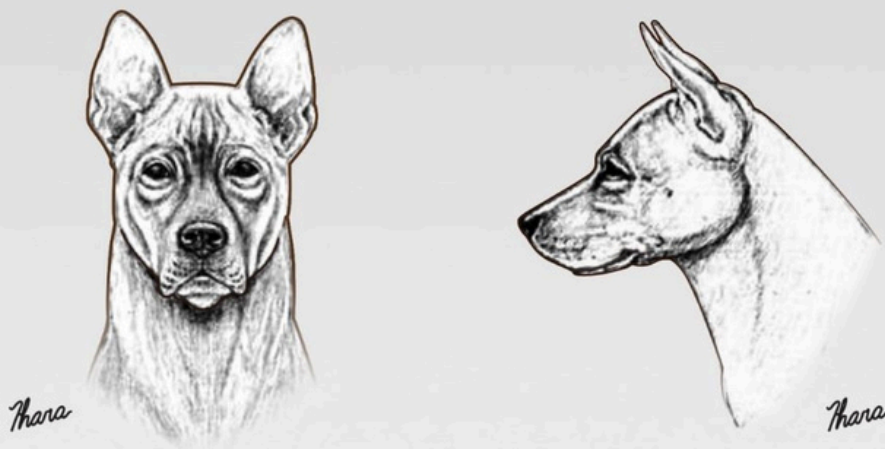
Male as appearing masculine while the female should have a distinctly feminine look also slightly longer in back.

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LIMBS

Forequarter:

Shoulder: Well laid back.
Forearm: Straight.
Pastern: Straight when seen from the front and very slightly sloping when seen from the side.
Feet: Oval
Nail: Black but can be lighter depending on coat color.



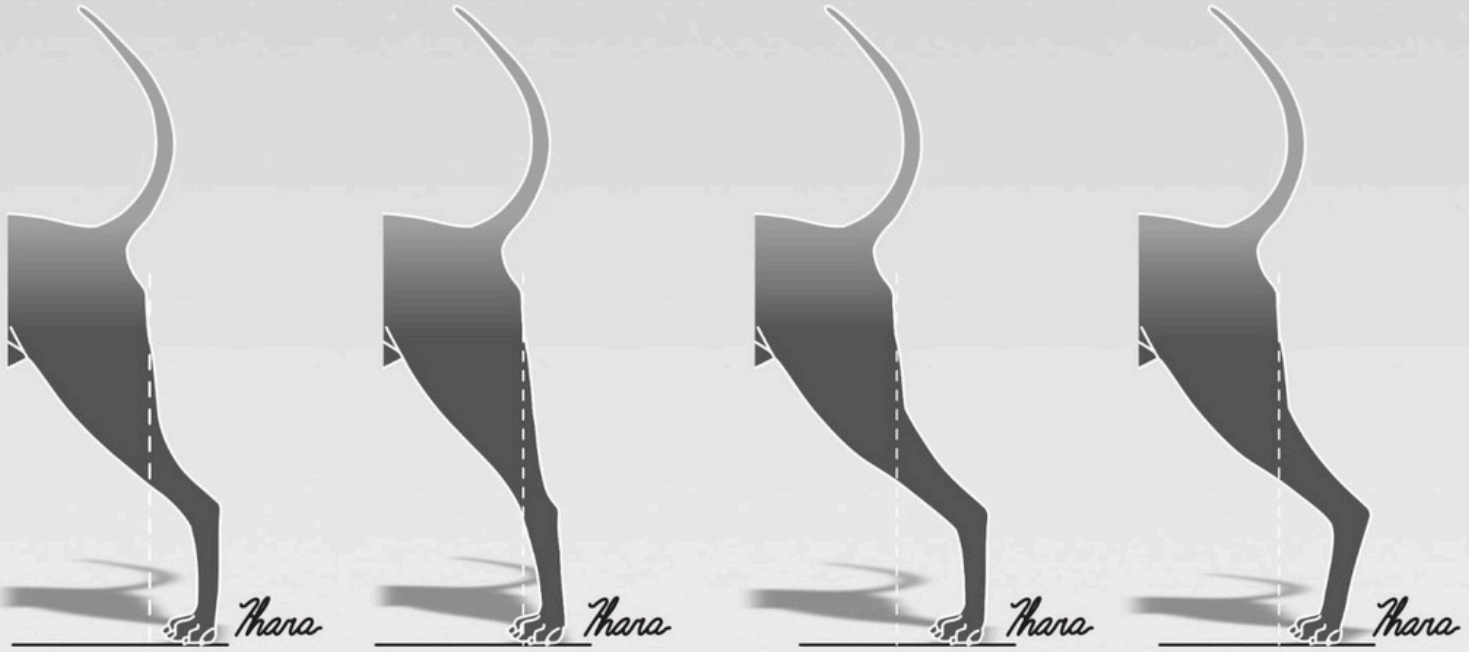
Hindquarters:

Thighs: Well developed with well bent stifles.
Rear pastern: Straight and parallel when seen from the rear.
Feet: Oval.



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ANGULATION



Correct
Moderate Angulation

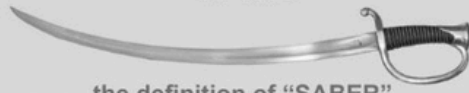
Incorrect
Straight Stifle

Incorrect
Over Angulation

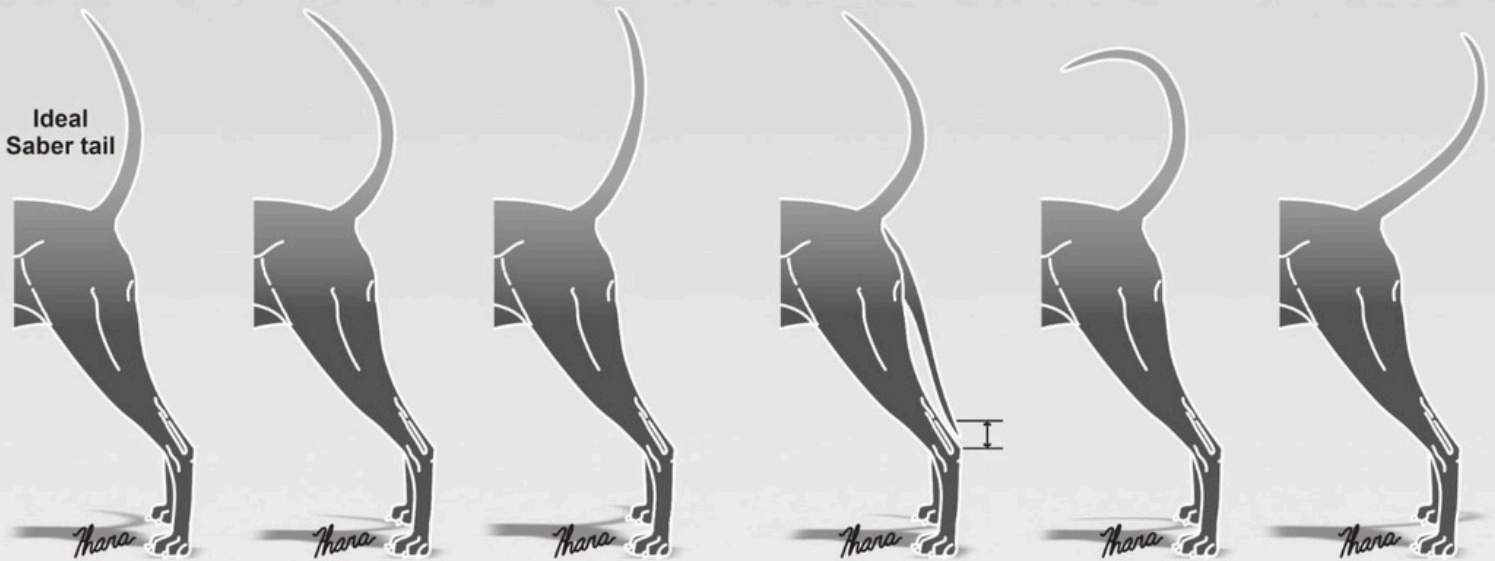
Severe Fault
Sickle hock

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TAIL



the definition of "SABER"



Ideal
Saber tail

Correct tail set & carriage
Carried vertically and slightly curved

The tip can reach
hock joint

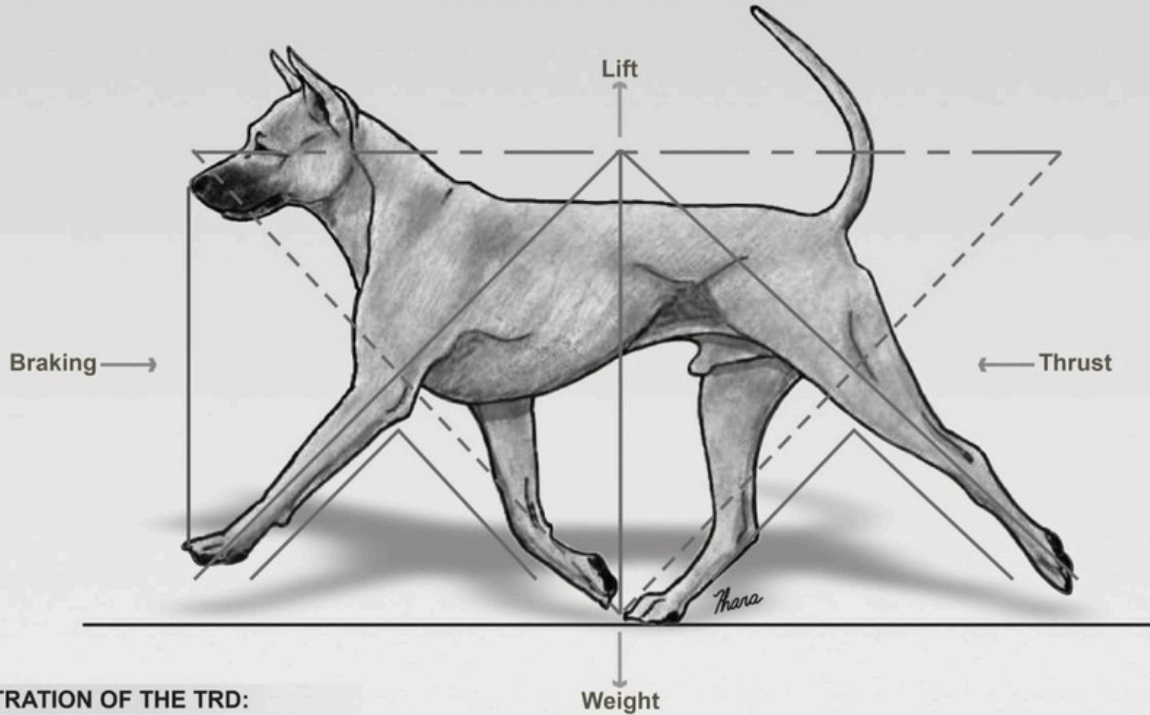
Acceptable
but
Undesirable

Incorrect
tail carriage

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GAIT

The basis of vector force in trotting TRD



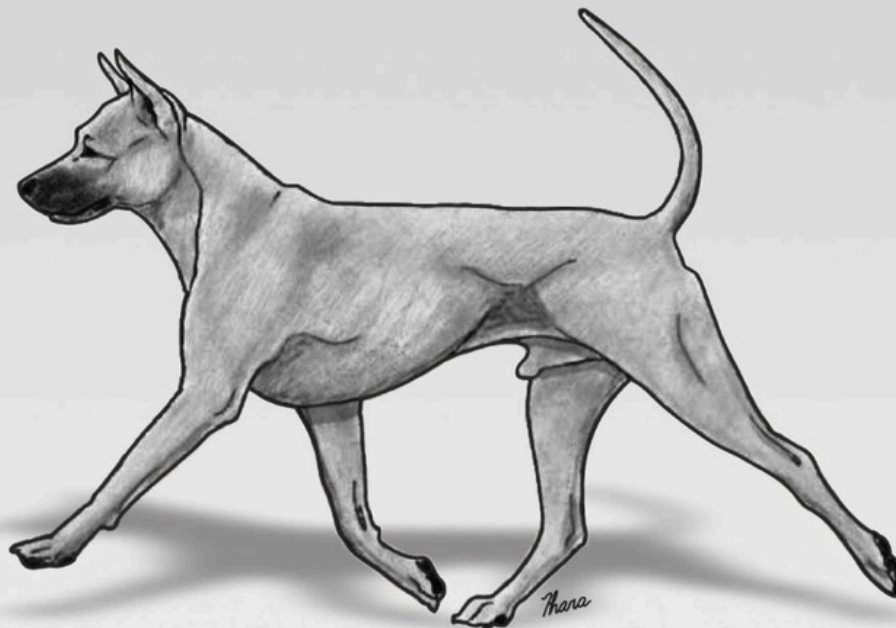
TROT ILLUSTRATION OF THE TRD:

- 🐾 The reach of the front leg is equal the drive of the back leg while the head and tail carried high and the topline remains firm and level.
- 🐾 The left front leg swings forward to strike the ground together and in parallel line with the right hind at the same distance apart during which the other diagonally opposite swing backward, then the cycle repeats.
- 🐾 Reach should not extend beyond an imaginary plumb line dropped down from nose.

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GAIT



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Additional: The dog should move freely with head and tail carried high.

All colours have the same value no any score add.

Thai ridgeback dog all

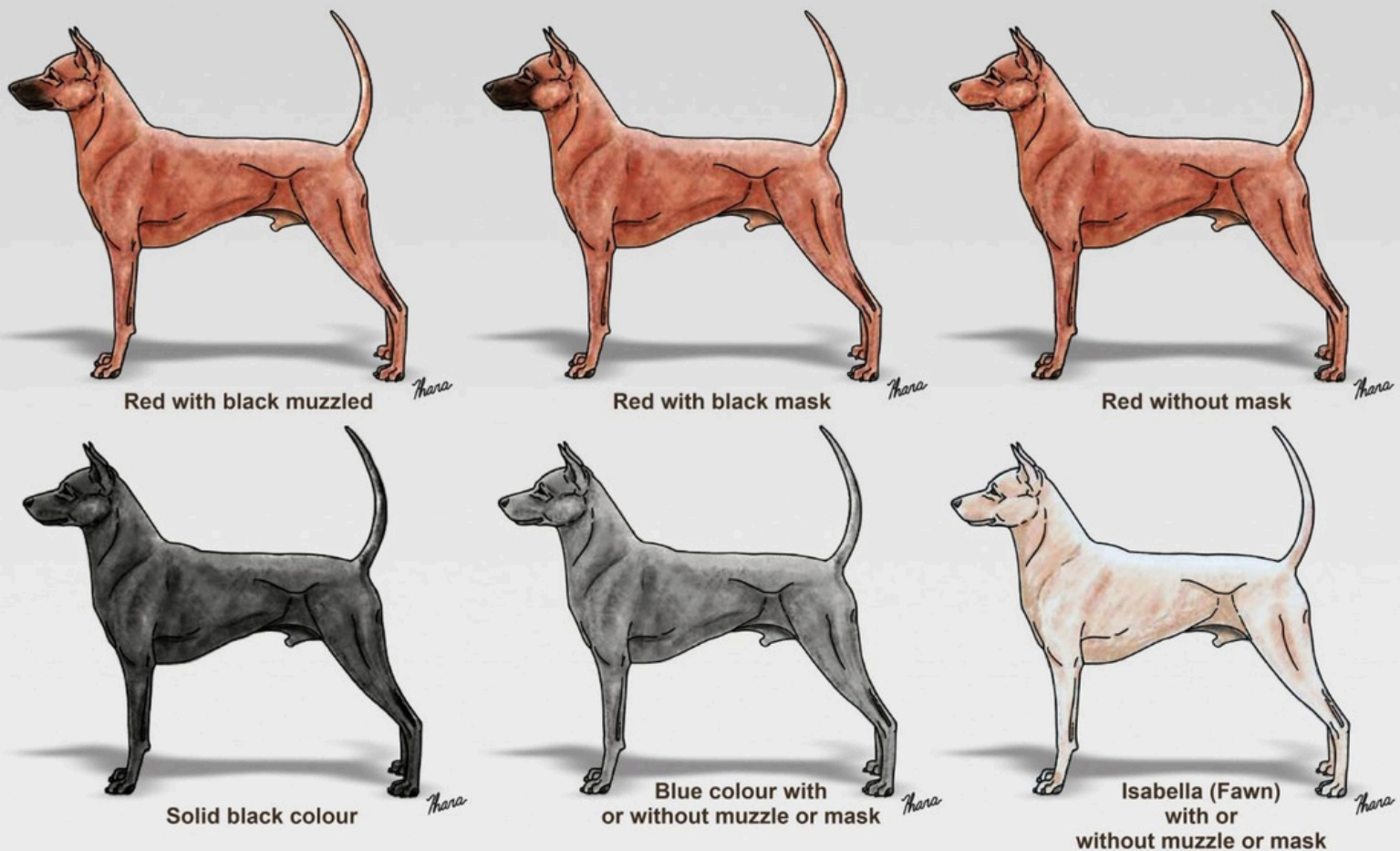
COLOUR



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"Tamarind Seed Color"

RED



"SEE DAENG MED MAKAM"



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"Black colour is mean pure black"

BLACK

"SEE DUM"



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"Grey Nickers Seed Color"

BLUE



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"Light Fawn Shade"

ISABELLA

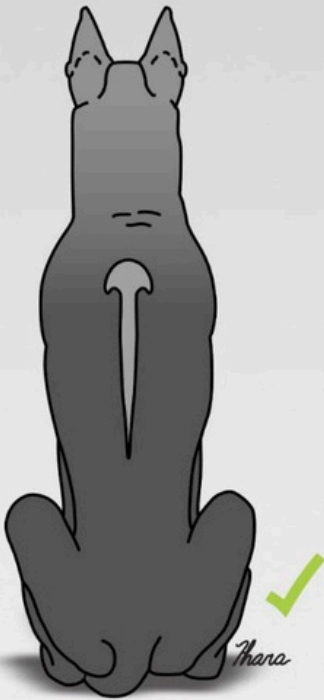


"KLEEB BUA"

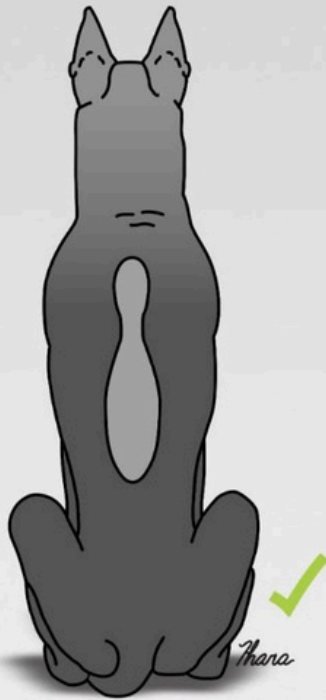


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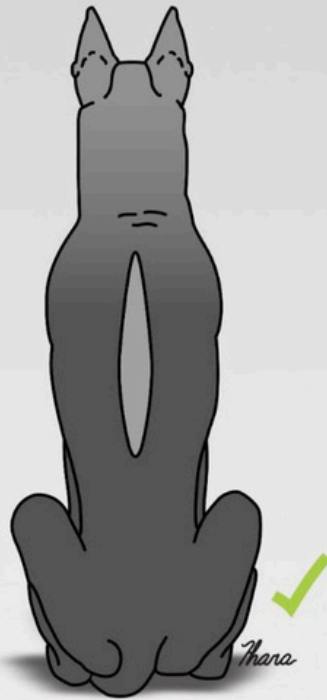
CORRECT RIDGE FORMS



Arrow



Bowling pin



Join hands

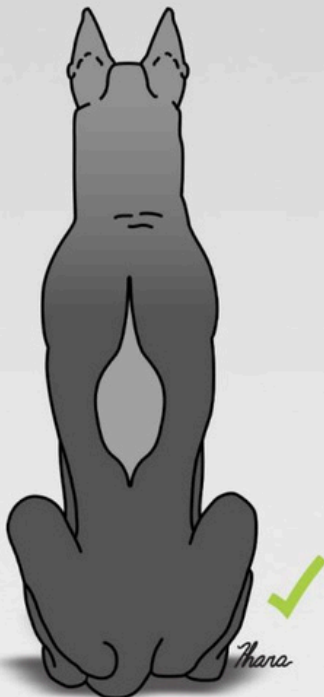


Needle

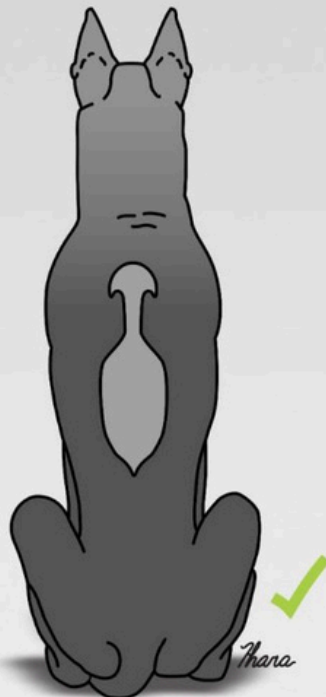
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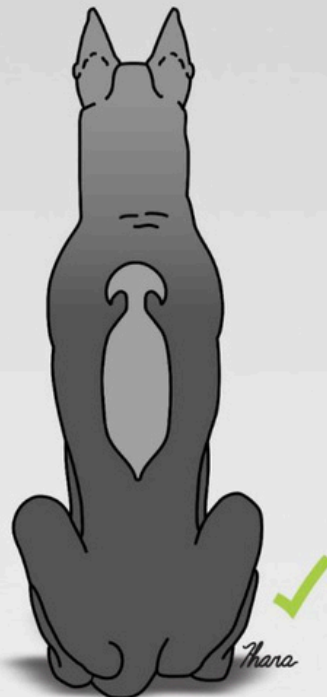
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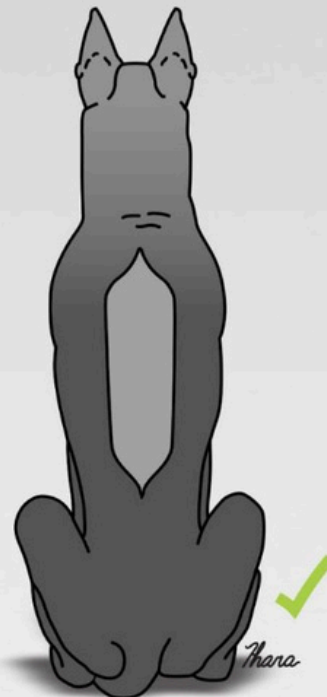
Po leaf



Violin



Lute

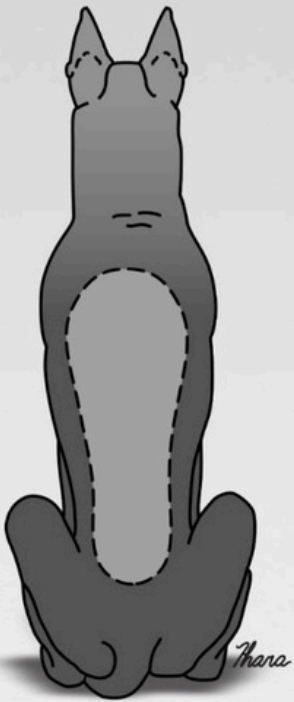


Saddleback

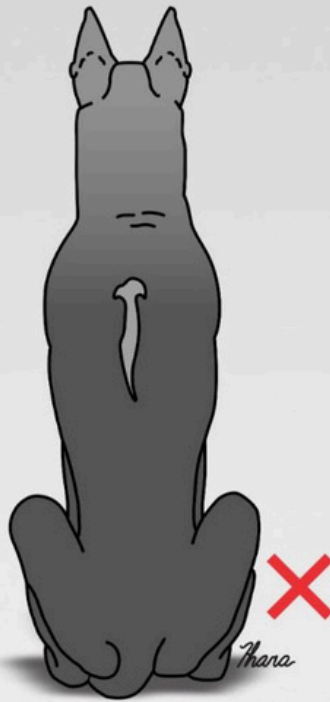
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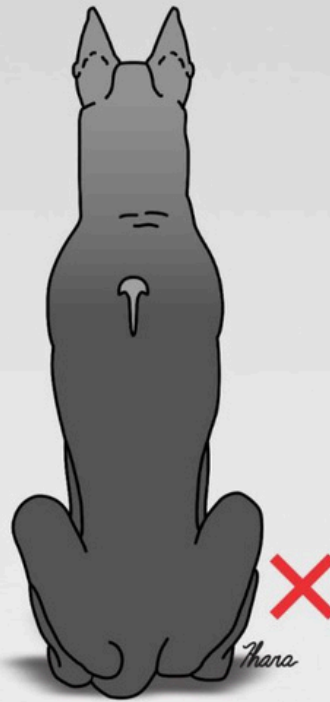
INCORRECT RIDGE FORMS



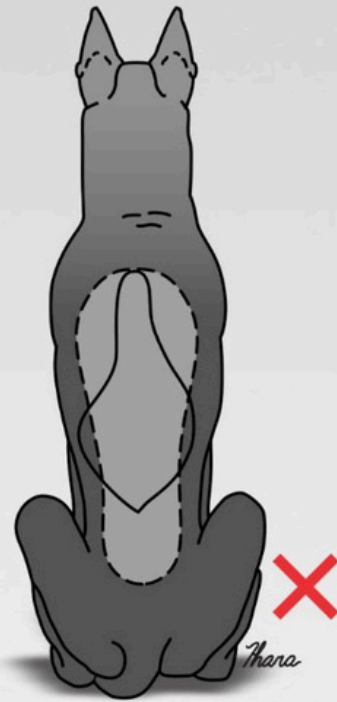
Back area



Unbalance ridge



Too short ridge



**Ridge edge exceed
over back area**

There are various shapes and length of ridge, but must be symmetrical on either side of the backbone and within the width of the back. Crowns or whirls at the head of the ridge are acceptable.

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