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BREED	PHYSICAL CONSTITUTION	MAIN PHYSICAL DEFECTS	QUALITIES	DEFECTS	NOTE
LEONBERGER	WWLL PROPORTIONED IN SPIRE OF ITS SIZE	Head resembling a St. bernard; tail curled over the back; white markings on the coat.	Fond of its owner, highly intelligent.	Wary of strangers, cannot bear to be chained up.	Avalanche dog.
ST. BERNARD	Avalanche dog.	Sway back; tail curled over the back; curly or excessively long coat; self-coloured coat or lack of white.	Docile, faithful, courageous and generous.	Sometimes irritable in hot climates.	Mountain rescue.
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LANDSEER	Elegant in appearance, agile in movement.	Sway back; weak loins; tail curved over the back in action; cow hocks; presence of dew claws; feet turning outwards.	Faithful and courageous.	Nome.	Sea rescue.
PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG	Strong and muscular.	Excessively heavy head; pronounced stop; round; prominent eyes; undershot jaw; cow hocks; absence of two sets of dew claws at the back.	Gentle, calm, affectionate, courageous.	Nome.	Excellent guard dog.
BOXER	Strong and hardy. Agile in movement, proud of bearing.	Heavy appearance; light nose; light eyes; haw showing; tongue and teeth visible when the mouth is shut; missing teeth; tail set low; white marking on the coat; covering more than one third of the total surface area.	Obedient and intelligent, easy to train.	Wary of strangers.	Excellent guard dog.
DOBERMANN (DOBERMANN PINSCHER)	lithe in build, well muscled.	Heavy appearance; excessively large head; pronounced stop; light eyes; overshot or undershot jaw; presence of dewlaps; incorrect stance; straw-colored coat; white markings on the chest; tan markings not clearly defined.	Intelligent, lively, courageous, faithful easy to train.	Reacts aggressively to provocation	Excellent bodyguard.
SCHNAUZER	Strong and hardy. compact in build.	Wrinkles on the forehead; light eyes; undershot jaw; presence of dewlap; cow hocks; wavy coat; atypical colouring	Lively, faithful, easily trainable.	Sometimes restless and dangerous with strangers.	Resistant to adverse weather conditions, killer of vermin.
GREAT DANE	Strong and elegant, proud of bearing.	Snipy muzzle; missing teeth; overshot or undershot jaw; even loins; short neck; presence of dewlaps; sway back; incorrect stance; curled tail; colour not conforming to the standard.	Obedient and faithful to its owner, docile and even-tempered.	Suspicious of strangers.	The poorly developed sense of smell does allow it to recognize even its owner in the dark.
HOVAWAET	Strong and hardy.	Undershot or overshot jaw, ears wide apart; sway back; hind legs not well angled; tail curled over the back, curly coat	Intelligent and obedient.	Retains its happy-go-lucky puppy temperament too long.	Excellent guard dog.
ROTTWEILLER	Strong but of rather heavy build.	Long muzzle with excessively drooping lips; narrow skull; light eyes; light build; thin tail.	Intelligent; faithful to its owner.	Aggressive and dangerous with strangers.	Good guard dog, even used by the police in some states.

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