

AFFEN	Ape or monkey in German	Affenpinscher	
ALMOND EYES	An elongated eye shape describing the tissue surrounding the eye.	Chihuahua	glossary
ANGULATION	The angles formed by the appendicular skeleton.	All breeds	glossary
APPLE DOMED HEAD	A skull of the Chihuahua, that is domed or rounded in all directions.	Chihuahua	glossary
ALOPECIA	Abnormal hair loss.	Pomeraniam	
ARISTOCRATIC	Having the qualities of the upper class, a privileged group.	Japanese Chin, Maltese	standard
BACK TRACE	A black line extending from the occiput to the tail.	Pug	glossary
BACKLINE	The dog's outline from just behind the withers to the tail set; Topline.	All breeds	glossary

BALANCE	A condition where in all proportions of a dog are in static and dynamic harmony.	Pekingese	glossary
BEARD	Thick, long hair growth on the under jaw.		glossary
BELGE	A coat color of black and reddish brown mixture.	Brussels Griffon	glossary
BELL EAR	A big, wide ear.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
BITE	The relative position of the upper and lower teeth when the jaws are closed.	All breeds	glossary
BACK TRACE		Pug	
BLAZE	A stripe running up the center of the face, usually between the eyes.	Papillon	glossary
BLENHEIM	Used to define the color markings of a variety of the English Toy Spaniel and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (red and white).	English Toy Spaniel, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	glossary

BLENHEIM SPOT	A thumbmark placed on the top and center of the blaze on the skull.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, English Toy Spaniel	standard
BODY	The anatomical section between the fore and hindquarters.	All breeds	glossary
BRACELET	The name given to the rings of hair on the hind legs of the poodle.	Toy Poodle	glossary
BREED	A domestic race of dogs (selected and maintained by humans) with a common gene pool and a characterized appearance and function.	All breeds	glossary
BRINDLE	A marking pattern used to describe many breeds, usually in conjunction with another color. Layering of black hairs in regions of lighter color producing a tiger-striped pattern.	Italian Greyhound	glossary
BRISKET	Usually refers to the sternum, but in some standards it refers to the entire thorax.	All breeds	glossary
BUTTERFLY EARS	Ears being erect and carried obliquely and move like the spread wings of the butterfly.	Papillon	standard pg 493
BUTTERFLY NOSE	A partially unpigmented nose; dark, spotted with flesh color.	Brussels Griffon, disqualification	glossary

BUTTOCKS	The rump or hips.	All breeds	glossary
BUTTON EAR	The ear flap folding forward, the tip lying close to the skull so as to cover the orifice.	Italian Greyhound, Pug, Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
CAFE-AU-LAIT	A color that is a rich, well-saturated light brown.	Poodle	glossary
CAPE	Profuse hair enveloping the shoulder region.	AFFENPINSCHER,	glossary
CAT FEET	A round, compact foot, with well-arched toes, tightly bunched or close-cupped.	Miniature Pincher, Skye Terrier	glossary
CHARACTER	The expression, individuality, and general appearance and deportment as considered typical of the breed.	All breeds	glossary
CHEST FRILL	The longer hair below the neck on the chest.	Papillon	glossary
CHIN	The lower portion of the muzzle.	All breeds	glossary

CHOCOLATE	A dark rich candy that is self-colored throughout the Miniature Pinscher breed.	Miniature Pinscher	
COARSE	Lacking refinement.	Havanese	glossary
COAT	The dog's hair covering.	all dogs	glossary
COBBY	Short-bodied, compact.	English Toy Spaniel	glossary
COBBY	Short-bodied, compact.	PUG	glossary
COLOR BELGE	Black and reddish brown mixed mixed , usually with black mask and whiskers	Affenpinscher, Brussels Griffon	glossary
COLOR BLENHEIM	Rich chestnut markings well broken up on a clear, pearly white ground; red and white	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, English Toy Spaniel	glossary
COLOR RUBY	Mahogany red	English Toy Spaniel	glossary

COLOR STAG RED	Red with intermingling of black hairs	Miniature Pincher	glossary
COMPANION	A dog that spends a lot of time with a person;.	All breeds	
CONDITION	Health as shown by the coat, state of flesh, general appearance, and deportment.	All breeds	glossary
CONFORMATION	The form and structure, make, shape, and arrangement of the parts of the dog, as they conform to the breed standard.	All breeds	glossary
CONTINENTAL CLIP	The face, throat, feet, and base of tail are shaved. The hindquarters are shaved with optional pompoms on the hips, the legs are shaved, leaving bracelets on the hindlegs and puffs on the forelegs. There is a pompom on the end of the tail. The entire shaven foot and a portion of the shaven foreleg above the puff are visible. The rest of the body is left in full coat but may be shaped in order to insure overall balance.	Toy Poodle PG 505	standard
CORDED COAT	A coat that hangs in even strands of varying length that is allowed and encouraged to grow into ringlets or dreadlocks.	Havanese, Toy Poodle	glossary

COW-HOCK	Hocks turning in, accompanied by toeing out of the rear feet.	All breeds	glossary, disqualification
CREST	The upper, arched portion of the neck.	Chihuahua, Chinese Crested	glossary
CROPPED EARS	Ear leather that has been cut or trimmed to permit it to stand erect.	Toy Manchester Terrier,	glossary
CULOTTES	The longer hair on the back of the upper thighs.	Japanese Chin, Papillon	glossary
CURLY COAT	A coat in a mass of thick, tight curls.	Toy Poodle	glossary
DEVIATION	A noticeable or marked departure from the accepted norms	Silky Terrier	Webster
DELINEATED MARKINGS	To mark the outline	Toy Manchester Terrier	Webster
DENTITION	42 adult teeth.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary

DEWCLAWS	An extra claw or funtionless digit on the inside of the leg.	Chihuahua	glossary
.DIMINUTIVENESS	Exrremely or unusually small.	Toy Poodle	standard
DISQUALIFICATION	A decision made by a judge or benched show committee following a determination that a dog has a condition tdhat makes it ineligible for any further compition under the dog show rules or under the stndard for its breed.	All breeds	glossary
DOCK	To shorten the tail by cutting.	Brussels Griffon, Silky Toy Terrier, Toy Fox Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier	glossary
DOUBLE COAT	An outer coat resistant to weather and protective against brush and brambles, together with an inner coat of softer hair for warmth and water-proofing.	Pekingese, Shih Tzu	glossary
DOUBLE CURL TAIL	A tail curling over the back in a whirlpool shape.	PUG	glossary
DRIVE	A solid thrusting of the hindquarters, denoting sound locomotion.	All breeds	glossary



DROP EAR	The leather is folded at least to some degree, contrasting with the erect or prick ears.	Japanese Chin, Maltese	glossary
DUDLEY NOSE	Flesh-colored nose.	Brussels Griffon	glossary
EBONY COAT	Very Dark or Black.	Toy Manchester Terrier	Webster
ENGLISH SADDLE CLIP	The face, throat, feet, and base of tail are shaved, leaving puffs on the forelegs and a pompom on the end of the tail. The hindquarters are covered with a short blanket of hair except for a curved shaved area on each flank and two shaved bands on each hindleg. The entire shaven foot and a portion of the shaven leg above puff are visible. The rest of the body is left in full coat but may be <b>shaped</b> in order to insure overall balance.	Toy Poodle	standard pg 505
EXPRESSION	The general appearance of all features of the head.	All breeds	glossary
EYEBROWS	An arched area of thick, hairs above the eye.	All breeds	webster
FALL	Hair overhanging the face.	Yorkshire Terrier	glossary

FEATHERING	Longer fringe of hair on ears, legs, tail, or body.	Pekingese	glossary
FRECKLED	Clusters of concentrated cells which are visible, usually on the face.	Havanese	webster
FRILL	The longer hair below the neck on the chest; Apron.	Pekingese	glossary
FRINGE	Feathering	Pekingese, Brussels Griffon, Papillon	glossary
FUSED TOES	Toes that are blended, joined together.	English Toy Spaniel	glossary
GAMENESS	Desire to hunt.	Toy Fox Terrier, Silky Terrier	standard
GAZEHOUND	Dogs that hunt by sight	Italian Greyhound	glossary
HACKNEY ACTION	A high lifting of the front feet accompanied by flexing of the wrist.	Miniature Pincher	glossary

HAIRLESS	Name the variety of the Chinese Crested that has hair only on certain parts of the body: the head, the tail, feet and lower legs.	Chinese Crested	standard pg 465
HARE FEET	A foot in which the two center digits are appreciably longer than the outside and insides toes of the foot and the arching of the toes is less marked, making the foot appear longer overall.	Japanese Chin, Papillon, Italian Greyhound	glossary
HEADFALL	Hair overhanging the face.	Yorkshire Terrier	glossary
HEART-SHAPED EARS	Ear leather shaped like a heart.	Pekingese	glossary
HEAVY-BONED	Related to the thickness, quality, and strength of the bone; large, thick and powerful.	Pekingese	glossary
IRISH MARKED	Color on the head and body with white legs, chest and collar.	Pomerainum	standard
KING CHARLES	Color name of the black and tan English Toy Spaniel.	English Toy Spaniel	standard
KISS MARKS	Tan spots on the cheeks and over the eyes.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary

KISSING SPOTS	The name given to the lozenge mark on the head of the Blenheim variety of the English Toy Spaniel and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, English Toy Spaniel	
LEATHER	The flap of the ear; the outer ear supported by cartilage and surrounding issue.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	glossary
LEVEL BITE	When the front teeth of the upper and lower jaws meet exacty edge to edge.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
LION DOGS	The Pekingese coat having a massive front, heavy manes, and tapering hindquarters, they are often called this?	Pekingese	standard
LIONLIKE	Implying courage, dignity, boldness and self-esteem rather than daintiness or delicacy.	Pekingese	glossary
LIPPY	Pendulous lip or lips that do not fit tightly.	Toy Poodle	glossary
LOZENGE	The thumprint spot situated on the skull between the ears.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel English Toy Spaniel	glossary
MANE	Long and profuse hair on the top and side of the neck.	Affenpinscher, Japanese Chin, Pekingese	glossary

MANTLE	Dark-shaded portion of the coat on the shoulders, back, and sides.	Havanese	glossary
MARKINGS	Generally used in reference to white areas distributed on a colored background.	Miniature Pincher, Pug	glossary
MASK	Dark shading on the foreface.	PUG	glossary
MINIATURE	A small, compact form with the only difference is its size.	Italian Greyhound	standard
MOLERA	The incomplete, imperfect, or abnormal closure of the skull.	Chihuahua	glossary
MOLES	Markings on the cheeks.	Pug	glossary
MUSTACHE	Longish hair of varying texture arising from the lips and sides of the face.	Affenpinscher	glossary
OCCIPUT	The dorsal, posterior point of the skull.	Chihuahua	glossary

OFF-SQUARE	Slightly longer when measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks, then height at the withers	Chihuahua	glossary
ORIGIN	How or where the specific dog breeds began.	All dogs	
OVERSHOT JAW	A bite in which the incisors of the upper jaw projects beyond the incisors of the lower jaw, resulting in a space between the inner and outer surface.	Brussels Griffon	glossary
PADS	Tough, shock-absorbing projections on the underside of the feet; soles.	Toy Poodle	glossary
PANTS	Longish hair at the back of both the upper and lower thighs of some breeds; trousers	Japanese Chin	glossary
PARTI-COLORED	Variegated with patches of two or more colors.	Havanese, Papillon	glossary
PATCHES	A small, solid piece of color upon another color.	Papillon	standard
PATTERNS	Elements repeated in a predictable manner.	All breeds	Webster

PENCILING	Black lines dividing the tan on toes.	Toy Manchester Terrier, Miniature Pinscher	glossary
PHALENE EARS	An ear carried drooping and must be completely down in the Papillon.	Papillon	standard pg 493
PIEBALD	Comparatively large patches of two or more colors.	Pomerainum	glossary
PIGMENT	The depth, intensitiy, and extent color or markings.	All breeds	glossary
PINSCHER	A german word for terrier	Affenpinscher, Miniature Pinscher	
PLUME	A long fringe of hair on the tail, covering part of the tail or the entire tail.	Chihuahua, Japanese Chin, Papillon, Pekingese, Shih Tzu, Chinese Crested	glossary
POMPOM	A rounded tuft of hair left on the end of the tail when the coat is clipped.	Toy Poodle	glossary
POWDERPUFF	The profusely haired variety of Chinese Crested.	Chihuahua	glossary

PRINCE CHARLES	White, black and tan color in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	standard
PUFFS	The circular bands of hair left on the forelegs of a clipped dog as in the Poodle.	Toy Poodle	glossary
PUPPY CLIP	A Poodle under 1 year old may be shown in this clip. The face, throat, feet, and base of the tail are shaved. The entire shaven foot is visible. There is a pompom at the end of the tail. In order to give a neat appearance and a smooth unbroken line, shaping of the coat is permissible.	Toy Poodle	standard pg 505
RATTER	A rat catching canine.	Affenpinscher, Brussels Griffon	Webster
RING TAIL	A tail carried up and around almost in a circle.	Pug	glossary
ROACH BACK	A convex curvature of the back, involving the thoracic and lumbar regions.	Havanese	glossary
ROOT OF TAIL	The base of the tail or insertion of the tail.	All breeds	glossary



ROSE EAR	A small drop ear that folds over and back so as to reveal the burr.	PUG	glossary
ROSETTE	1) a small tan patch on each side of the chest above the front legs. 2) a patch of hair over the loin of a Poodle trimmed in the Continental clip, 3) A pleated ribbon to resemble a rose, award at events.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
ROUND EYES	Eyes set in circular-shaped patterns.	Papillon	glossary
RUBY	A color of rich, mahogany red.	English Toy Spaniel	color
RUFF	Thick, longer hair growth around the neck.	Chihuahua, Japanese Chin	glossary
SCISSOR BITE	A bite in which the outer side (anterior portion) of the lower incisors touches the inner side (posterior portion) of the upper incisors.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Havanese, Italian Greyhound, Maltese, Toy Manchester Terrier, Papillon, Pekingese, Silky Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier	glossary
SCREW TAIL	A naturally short tail twisted in a more or less spiral formation.	English Toy Spaniel	glossary

SELF-COLORED	One color or whole color, except for light shadings.	Chihuahua, Minature Pinscher	glossary
Shih Tsu	Name the Chrysanthemum-faced dog.	Shih Tzu	standard
SHORT-COUPLED	When the distance between the last rib and the beginning of the hindquarters is relatively short.	Brussels Griffon, Shih Tzu	glossary
SINGLE COAT	A dog that has no undercoat.	Japanese Chin, Maltese, Papillon	glossary
SLEEVE DOG	A very small dog, which were carried in the voluminous sleeves of members of the imperial.	Pekingese	standard
SMOOTH COAT	A short coat, close-lying.	Brussels Griffon	glossary
SNIPY	A pointed, weak muzzle, lacking breath and depth.	Maltese	glossary
SOCKS	White markings on colored animals from the feet and pasterns up to the wrists in the front and up to the hocks in the rear.	Chihuahua, Chinese Crested	glossary

SPLASHED	Irregularly patched, color on white or white on color.	Chihuahua	glossary
SPRINGY ACTION	A bouncing, buoyant motion.		glossary
SPORTING CLIP	A Poodle shall be shown with face, feet, throat and base of tail shaved, leaving a scissored cap on the top of the head and a pompom on the end of the tail. The rest of the body and legs are clipped or scissored to follow the outline of the dog leaving a short blanket of coat no longer than one inch in length. The hair on the legs may be slightly longer than that on the body.	Toy Poodle	standard pg 505
SQUARE BODY	A dog whose height from the withers to the ground equals its length from the forechest to the buttocks.	Japanese Chin, Pug, Toy Fox Terrir, Toy Poodle	glossary
STAG RED	A deep red (almost brown) with intermingling of black hairs.	Miniature Pinscher, Toy Poodle	glossary
STAMINA	The ability or strength to keep doing something for a longtime; endurance; staying power.	Pekingese	glossary
STAND OFF COAT	A thick undercoat will hold up and permit the guard hair to stand off from body.	Pekingese	standard

STIFLE	The joint of the hind leg between the thigh and the second thigh; the dog's knee.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	glossary
STOP	The step up from the muzzle to the back skull; indentation between the eyes where the nasal bones and cranium meet.	Most dogs.	glossary
SUBSTANCE	Bone.	all dogs	glossary
SUN DOGS	This Toy Breed is called this because of their strikingly beautiful golden red coats.	Pekingese	standard g 495
SYMMETRY FACE MARKING	The pleasing balance of markings symmetrically divided by a longitudinal line down the center of the face.	Japanese Chin	standard
TAPERING TAIL	A long, shorted-coated tail that tapers to a point.		glossary
TAPERING TAIL	A long, short-coated tail that tapers to a point.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
TEACUP/imperial	AKC does not recognize this type of Shih Tzu. They are considered undersized and do not conform to the standard.	Shih Tzu	AKC online

THUMBPRINT	Black spots on the region of the pastern.	Pug	standard
TOY FOX TERRIER	What does TFT stand for?	Toy Fox Terrier	standard
THROATINESS	An excess of loose skin under the throat.	Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
THUMB MARK	Black spots on the region of the pastern.	English Toy Spaniel	glossary
TOPKNOT	A tuft of hair on top of the head.	Maltese, Silky Terrier,	glossary
TOPSKULL	The dorsal (top) part of the head; Crown.	Pekingese	glossary
TOY BREED	A group of dogs characterized by a very small size.	All toy dogs	glossary
TRI-COLOR	Three color: white, black, and tan.	English Toy Spaniel, Toy Fox Terrier	glossary

TUCKED UP	Characterized by markedly shallower body depth at the loin: smaller waisted.	Toy Manchester Terrier, Italian Greyhound	glossary
NATURAL EARS	What is another word for uncropped ears?	Chihuahua	glossary
UNDERCOAT	The short, soft, dense hair that supports the outer coat.	Papillon	glossary
UNDERSHOT	The front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed.	Affenpinscher, Brussels Griffon, Japanese Chin, Pug, Shih Tzu	glossary
VEIL	The portion of the dog's forelock hanging straight down over the eyes or partially covering them.		glossary
WEDGE-SHAPED HEAD	A V-shaped or triangular head when viewed from above or in profile.	Chihuahua, Pekingese, Toy Manchester Terrier	glossary
WEEDY	An insufficient amount of bone; light bone.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	glossary
WELL KNIT ELBOWS	Elbows that are firmly joined by well-developed muscles.	Maltese	glossary

WELL-PROPORTIONED	Correct balance between various parts of the body.	All Breeds	glossary
WIRY COAT	A coat of hard, crisp, texture.	Affenpinscher, Havanese	standard
WITHERS	The region defined by the dorsal portions of the spinous process of the first two thoracic vertebrae and flanked by the dorsal (uppermost) portions of the scapulae.	All dogs	glossary
WRINKLE	A hair-covered fold of skin extending from one cheek over the bridge of the nose in a wide inverted "V" to the other cheek	Pekingese	standard
WRINKLES	Loose folding skin on forehead and foreface.	PUG	glossary
WRY MOUTH	An asymmetrical alignment of upper and lower jaws; cross bite.	Brussels Griffon	glossary
AUTOIMMUNE THYROIDITIS		Italian Greyhound, Yoy Manchester Terrier,	

BRACHYCEPHALIC SYNDROME	Group of upper airway abnormalities, including stenotic nares and elongated soft palate, often seen in flat-faced dogs.	All flat faced toy breeds.	respiratory
CARDIAC MITRAL VALVE DISEASE (MVD)	Degeneration of the mitral valve of the heart, allowing the blood to flow backwards in the left atrium and resulting in an enlarged heart.	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	heart
CATARACTS	Opacities (cloudy) cover the lens of the eye.	Brussels Griffon, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	eye
CONGENITAL DEAFNESS	From birth, the inability to hear in either one or both ears.	Havanese,	ear
DEMODECTIC MANGE	Mites multiply rapidly, causing itching and hair loss, which can lead to serious skin problems.	Miniature Pinscher	skin
DENTAL	Gingivitis, bad breath	Maltese,	teeth
DRY EYE / (KCS) KERATOCONJUNCTIVITIS	Decreased tear production of the eye causing a dry eye and damage to cornea.	English Toy Spaniel	eye



HIP DYSPLASIA	The skeletal abnormal development of the hip assembly where in the head of the femur does not fit snugly into the pelvic socket.	Affenpinscher,	skeletal
HYDROCEPHALUS	Water on the brain.	Maltese,	brain
IDIOPATHIC EPILEPSY	Brain disorder resulting in periodic seizures.	Poodle	neural
JUVENILE RENAL DYSPLASIA	Abnormal development and function of the kidneys.	Shih Tzu	kidney
LEGG-CALVE-PERTHES	Destruction of the head of the femur bone due to decrease in blood supply.	Italian Greyhound, Miniature Pinscher	skeletal
PATELLA LUXATION	Abnormally shallow groove in the knee, so that the knee cap (patella) slips in and out of position, causing lameness.	all toy breeds	skeletal
PRIMARY LENS LUXATION (PRL)	Dislocation of the lens of the eye.	all toy breeds	eye
PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY (PRA)	A family of diseases all involving gradual deterioration of the retina. Beginning with night blindness and progress to total blindness.	Chinese Crested,	eye

PUG DOG ENCEPHALITIS	Fatal inflammation of the brain seen in some young Pugs.	Pug, Shih Tzu	neural
SEBACEOUS ADENTIS	Inflamation of the sebaceous glands, resulting in scaly debris, hair loss, and infection.	Poodle	skin
von WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE	Defetive blood platelet function resulting in excessive bleeding, caused by a defiiency in clotting factor VII antigen.	Toy Manchester Terrier	blood