



**FCI Standard No 64**  
**Austrian Pinscher**  
**Österreichischer Pinscher**  
Standard Provided by ABIDS

**CLASSIFICATION FCI:**

Group 2.....Pinscher and Schnauzer-Molossoid breeds- Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs and other breeds.

Section 1.1.....Pinscher.

Without working trial.

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**UTILIZATION:** Watch- and companion dog.

**ORIGIN:** Austria.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The Austrian Pinscher descends from the ancient Austrian country pinschers that were widespread still in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, being modest, versatile farm dogs. In 1921 the systematic pure breeding of this breed began. On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1928, the breed was recognized by the Austrian Kennel Club (Österreichischer Kynologenverband) as *Österreichischer kurzhaariger Pinscher* (Austrian Shorthaired Pinscher). In the year 2000 the breed was renamed *Österreichischer Pinscher* (Austrian Pinscher).

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Stocky dog of medium size with lively and bright expression.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:**

The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 9 to 10.

The ratio of length of muzzle to length of skull is 4 to 6.

**BEHAVIOUR/CHARACTER:** Assertive, lively, alert, playful and especially devoted and friendly dealing with people familiar to him. Towards strangers he is suspicious and an incorruptible guard. His hunting instinct is only slightly developed.

**HEAD:** Pear-shaped; in harmonious proportion to the body.

**CRANIAL REGION:** Broad and rounded with pronounced frontal furrow and groove.

**Skull:** Distinctly developed zygomatic arches, strong masticatory muscles.

**Stop:** Well marked.

**FACIAL REGION:**

**Nose:** Black.

**Muzzle:** Strong, nasal bridge straight.

**Lips:** Tight, smooth, well fitting, with dark pigmentation.

**Jaws/Teeth:** Strong, complete scissor bite.

**Eyes:** Large eyeball in round palpebral aperture, eye rims close-fitting with dark pigmentation.

**Ears:** Button ear (folded ear), small, set on high.

**NECK:** Strong, of medium length.

**BODY:**

**Withers:** Well defined.

**Back:** Short, broad, straight, tight.

**Loin:** Short and broad.

**Croup:** Long and broad.

**Chest:** Long, deep, broad, barrel-shaped; well developed forechest. The muscles of the chest are strong and tight.

**Belly:** Slightly tucked up.

**TAIL:** High set, strong, of medium length and densely covered with hair.

**LIMBS:** Strong bone.

**FOREQUARTERS:** Well muscled, straight legs, broad front.

**Shoulders:** Shoulder blade long, well laid-back.

**Upper arm:** Obliquely set.

**Forearm:** Of medium length, straight.

**Carpal joint:** Strong.

**Pastern:** Short, moderately sloping.

**HINDQUARTERS:** Well angulated.

**Upper thigh:** Broad.

**Lower thigh:** Of medium length.

**Hock joint:** Strong.

**Metatarsus:** Short.

**FEET:** Close-knit with strong nails.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT:** Flowing and harmonious movement covering a lot of ground.

**SKIN:** Tight fitting.

**COAT:**

**HAIR:** Thick double coat. The outer coat is short to medium-long, thick, smooth and close-lying. The undercoat is thick and short, buttocks slightly trousered.

**COLOR:** Russet gold (*semmelgelb*), brownish yellow, stag-red, black with tan-colored markings. White markings: chest patch, muzzle, neck, throat, nape, feet and tip of tail. Lack of white markings is not a fault.

**SIZE: Height at the withers:** 42 –50 cm. **Males:** 44 –50 cm, **Bitches:** 42 –48 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.*

**ELIMINATING FAULTS:**

*Aggressive or overly shy.*

*Undershot, overshot.*

*Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.*

**Note:** *Male animals should have two apparently normally developed testicles fully descended into the scrotum.*