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ACTION Movement, the way a dog walks or runs

AMBLE A slow, relaxed action, somewhere between a walk and a trot

BARREL A rounded rib formation

BITCHY A feminine looking dog

BLOOM The shine of a coat in top condition

BREECHING Coat on the rear of the upper thighs

BULL NECK Heavy short neck

CHIPPENDALE Also known as a 'Queen Anne Front'. Out at elbows, pasterns

FRONT close and feet turning out.

CLODDY Low to ground and over-heavy for size

COARSE Overdone, lacking refinement
COBBY Compact and short in body

CROUP The rump, the portion of the back from pelvis to tail root

CRYPTORCHID A dog with no testicles

CULOTTES Long hair on the rear of the thighs

DOGGY A masculine looking bitch
FEATHERING Long hair on legs or body

FLOWERED Patchy tongue (see Splashed)
TONGUE

FLYING EARS Ears turned rearwards from the normal erect set

FOXY Pointed, narrow muzzle or foreface
FURNISHINGS Profuse coat on mane, breeches etc

GAIT The manner or pattern of movement or footsteps

GAY TAIL Not carried on the back, waving in the air

HAM Muscular development on upper hindquarters

LAYBACK The profile angle of the shoulder blade

LOADED The shoulders are over developed (over muscled) in relation to

SHOULDERS the hindquarters or the size of the dog

LUMBERING A heavy ponderous movement

MANE Long hair around neck, also called 'the ruff'

MANDIBLE Lower jaw bone MAXILLA Upper jaw bone

MONORCHID A dog with only one testicle

OCCIPUT Back of skull (distinct bump can be felt)

OPEN COAT Lacking in density, out of coat, sparse

OUT OF COAT See above

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OVERREACHING Back feet forced to one side to avoid hitting front feet due to

incompatibility between hind and front action (too much rear drive)

PACING Legs on one side of the body moving in unison

PADDLING Front feet are thrown out sideways

PIN-TOED Pinning or toes pointing inwards

RANGY Long, lean, tall, slightly unbalanced

RIBBED UP Ribs extending well back

ROACH BACK Back curves convexly towards the rear

ROLLING Body moves up and down and from side to side during movement

SECOND THIGH Lower thigh between stifle and hock

SINGLE TRACKING Feet following a single line whilst moving

SLAB SIDED Not enough spring of rib outwards from spine

SNIPY Pointed weak muzzle (as foxy)

SPLASHED Pink patches, or streaks on tongue or flews

SPLAYED Open toes (often associated with flat feet)

STARING COAT Dry, harsh and out of condition

SWAYBACK Concave curvature of the topline

TAILSET Position of tail root on croup

TIED Elbow or stifle joints set too close together under the body and

restricting movement

TOPLINE Outline from shoulder (withers) to tail root

TUCK UP Upwards curvature from end of ribs to waist

UPRIGHT SHOULDERS Insufficient angulation of the shoulder blades

WELL LAID Correct shoulder angulation

WELL SPRUNG Ribs of correct shape

WHEEL BACKED An excessively roached back

WITHERS The back immediately behind the neck, the point of measurement of

height (also referred to as the shoulder)

WRINKLE Loose skin, folds of skin

WRY MOUTH Lower jaw not in line with upper jaw, canines not interlocking