

**Tail: Set and held high, docked to about one-third.**

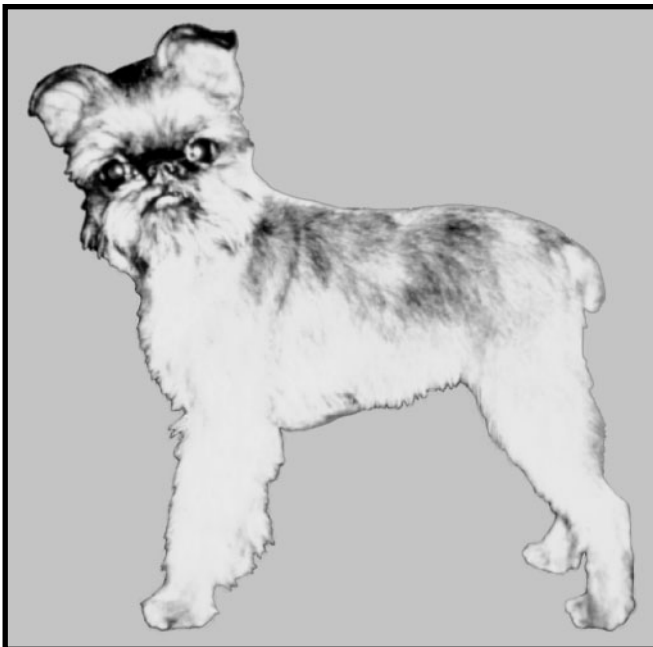
**AMPLIFICATION:**

Tail SET must not be confused with tail CARRIAGE. Tail set is structure and tail carriage is attitude. A high tail set is the extension of a level topline. The topline should be level from withers to tail set and the tail should be set high on a flat croup. The ideal tail carriage is twelve o'clock. Youngsters who are novices in the ring may not have the confidence to keep their tails up, but this is a matter of training and experience. The overall quality and age of the animal should be considered.

Docking to about one-third is a guide to approximate tail length. Puppies can be born with tail kinks which may result in having to cut the tail on the short side. A kink at the base may prevent the tail from being carried high. Others may be born with short tails or tailless. There should be no penalty for this although the lack of enough tail does effect the overall balance of the dog.

**UNDESIRABLE:**

Anything other than the ideal tail carriage and set.



Both of these lovely puppies have high tail sets, but one is a little older and better socialized.