

## Whippet breed disqualification description for ASFA inspection committees:

Inspection should be done before the lure is run and/or out of sight of the lure to minimize excitement during inspection.

**Bite:** Undershot shall disqualify. Overshot one-quarter inch or more shall disqualify.

**Eyes:** Blue eye(s), any portion of blue in the eye(s), eyes not of the same color shall disqualify.

**Coat:** Any coat other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture. Disqualifying characteristics include: long hair, wire hair or lack of hair with the exception of pattern baldness which is thinning or lack of coat on the thighs, underside of the neck, chest and belly.

**Measuring:** The goal for the inspection committee should be a fair measurement for each dog. Finding a quiet area, minimizing distractions and keeping other dogs and handlers back and quiet during measuring helps to give each dog and handler an equal opportunity. Measuring should be done on a flat non-skid surface or measuring board.

Ideal height for dogs; 19 to 22 inches; for bitches, 18 to 21 inches. More than one-half inch above or below the stated limits will disqualify.

- Bitch wickets shall measure 17 ½" and 21 ½".
- Dog wickets shall measure 18 ½" and 22 ½".

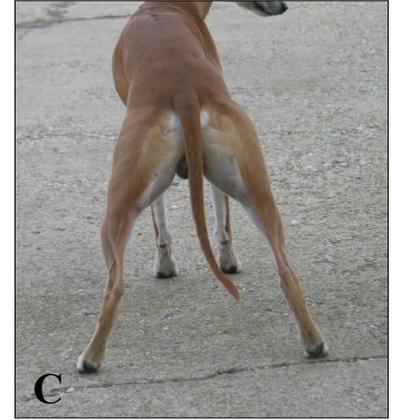
The inspection committee should have a measuring tape available if an exhibitor requests the wicket be measured. Both legs should be measured and the measurements shown to the owner.

Each Whippet is entitled to **two** measurements. If a Whippet does not measure in on the first attempt, the handler may return for a second measurement. Any Whippet more than one-half inch above or below Standard height limits will be disqualified.

The Whippet should be stacked by the handler in a naturally alert position. Front legs should be vertical and parallel to the legs of the wicket when viewed from front and side. Hocks must be at a right angle to the board and not angled or stretched backward.



Correct front (A), side (B) and rear (C) positioning for whippet measurement



Incorrect positioning for measurement: (A) wide front, (B) extended stack, (C) wide rear.



Rear legs should be hip width apart when viewed from the rear, not placed narrow or wide.

The head must be in a natural position upward, neither stretched up in an exaggerated position, nor pulled downward.

**All** members of the inspection committee should watch to be sure the dog is properly stacked.

(D) Incorrect head positioning, pushed down.

### Handling the Wicket:

- One person should handle the wicket during inspection.
- Use **one** wicket at a time, not both.
- **Do not** touch the dog with the wicket or your hands.
- Be sure the handler is done stacking the dog and ask if they are ready before proceeding with the measurement. Do not measure the dog until the handler is ready.
- Without touching the dog, bring the wicket forward from the rear, over the back and lower so the crossbar comes over the highest point of the shoulder blades (but not on the neck).



Wicket too far back



Wicket too far forward



Correct wicket placement