

## A guide to measuring your Small Munsterlander



Important: Dog in this photo is not properly stacked for measuring. Rear legs are placed too far behind. Hocks should be perpendicular to the ground.

Most people are accustomed to thinking of dogs only in terms of height. Our FCI Standard gives us specific numbers to use as a guide in regard to height, which makes it easy to understand.

The height of a Small Munsterlander is measured at the withers of the dog to the floor. Our height requirement is: Dogs: 54 cm. (21.26 inches)  
Bitches: 52 cm. (20.47 inches)

A deviation of +/- 2 cm (.78 inches) is within the standard. A deviation of the size limits between

+/- 2 cm and +/- 4 cm. (+/- .78 inches and +/-1.57 inches) is considered a severe fault and a size deviation of more than +/- 4 cm. is an eliminating fault. The following chart lists the height requirement for easy reading.

FCI Standards	Dog (Male)		Bitch (Female)	
	cm	inch	cm	inch
<b>Eliminating Fault</b>	more than 58	More than 22.83	More than 56	More than 22.05
<b>Severe Fault</b>	56 to 58	22.05 to 22.83	54 to 56	21.3 to 22.05
	up to 56	up to 22.05	up to 54	up to 21.3
<b>Standard</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>21.25</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20.47</b>
	down to 52	down to 20.47	down to 50	down to 19.7
<b>Severe Fault</b>	50 to 52	19.68 to 20.47	48 to 50	18.9 to 19.7
<b>Eliminating Fault</b>	Less than 50	Less than 19.68	Less than 48	Less than 18.9

1cm=0.3937008 inch

Length of body or "proportion" is somewhat more difficult to identify. Our standard says, "The length of the body from point of shoulders to the buttocks should exceed the height at the withers by not more than 5 cm." or (1.97 inches).

Height is always measured from the highest point of the shoulder blades (or withers) to the level/firm ground perpendicular to this point, and the measurement of length is to be taken from the lowest/foremost point of the shoulder blade to the rear point of buttocks (as per the reference in our FCI Standard). Since the length of your dog is to be no more than 5 cm longer than the height at the withers, the length measurement will only be as accurate as the height measurement taken. So, it is very important to measure your dog's height as carefully as possible.

To measure without a wicket you need an 18"+ level ruler and a measuring stick/tape (cm). Stack your dog next to a wall inside your home. Place the ruler across the points of the shoulders (do not press down) making sure it's level, then mark the wall. Measure from the mark to the floor. Repeat until you get the same height measurement 3 times. Place the ruler across the prosternum, making sure it's level, then mark the wall. Place the ruler across the buttocks, making sure it's level, then mark the wall. Measure the distance between the 2 marks. Repeat until you get the same length measurement 3 times. It's important for your measuring stick/tape to be level when you measure between marks. Using a long (48"+) level ruler makes this much easier.