

First Pooch or Presidential Porker?

Expert says Barney looks a bit pudgy.

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Is Barney, President Bush's first dog, letting stardom go to his ... waistline?

The Scottish Terrier may well be one of the most visible presidential pooches ever, as evidenced by his series of popular videos and well-trafficked website. Even his annual holiday productions – complete with A-list stars and top administration officials – have become mini-blockbusters.

CBS News White House correspondent Bill Plante decided to dig a little deeper into the Scottie's psyche. Enter dog trainer Victoria Shea, who viewed Barney's latest holiday video, available online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/holiday/2006/barneycam.html>.

Her verdict? Barney looks a bit pudgy. Her recommendation was more exercise. "Barney can get a pretty good workout chasing balls," she told Plante.

But even that can lead to trouble. On the video, Barney is seen chasing after a Christmas ornament rolling across the White House floor.

"That's a no-no," said Shea. "As adorable as this is, it's glass. Not something we want our dogs doing."

No doubt Barney will take that under advisement.