



BREED STANDARD

General Appearance

Compact, elegant and sound with substance.

Characteristics

Keen, alert, gay and sporting.

Temperament

Discerning and devoted.

Head and Skull

Long skull, flat and narrow, level and wedge-shaped, without showing cheek muscles, well filled up under eyes, with tapering tight-lipped mouth.

Eyes

Relatively small, dark and sparkling. Almond-shaped, not prominent.

Ears

Small and V-shaped, carried well above top line of head and hanging close to head above eyes.

Mouth

Jaws level, with perfect, regular scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Neck

Fairly long and tapering from shoulder to head and slightly arched at crest; free from throatiness.

Forequarters

Shoulders clean and well sloped. Front narrow and deep. Forelegs quite straight, set on well under dog; and proportionate length to body.

Body

Short with well sprung ribs, slightly arched over the loin and cut up behind ribs.

Hindquarters

Strong and muscular, well bent at stifle. Hindlegs neither cow-hocked nor with feet turned in.

Feet

Small, semi-harefooted and strong with well arched toes.

Tail

Short and set on where arch of back ends, thick where it joins body, tapering to a point, carried not higher than level of back.

Gait/Movement

Straight, free and balanced with good-reaching forequarters and driving power in hindquarters.

Coat

Close, smooth, short and glossy, of firm texture.

Colour

Jet black and rich mahogany tan distributed as follows: on head, muzzle tanned to nose, nose and nasal bone jet black. Small tan spot on each cheek and above each eye, under-jaw and throat tanned with distinct tan V. Legs from knee downward tanned with exception of toes which shall be pencilled with black, a distinct black mark (thumbmark) immediately above feet. Inside hindlegs tanned but divided with black at stifle joint. Under tail tanned, vent tanned by marking as narrow as possible so that it is covered by tail. A slight tan mark on each side of chest. Tan outside hindlegs, commonly called breeching, is undesirable. In all cases black should not run into tan or vice versa, but division between colours clearly defined.

Size

Ideal height at shoulders: dogs: 41cms (16 ins); bitches: 38 cms (15 ins).

Faults

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

Note

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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