



**Official Breed Standard
of the
Kennel Union of South Africa**



IBIZAN HOUND

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Tall, narrow, finely built, large erect ears.

CHARACTERISTICS

Agile, tireless, controlled hunter. Retrieves to hand, has ability to jump great heights without take-off run.

TEMPERAMENT

Reserved with strangers, not nervous or aggressive. Dignified, intelligent and independent.

HEAD AND SKULL

Fine, long, flat skull with prominent occipital bone. Stop not well defined, slightly convex muzzle, length of which from eyes to tip of nose equals length from eyes to occiput. Nose flesh coloured, should protrude beyond teeth; jaws very strong and lean.

EYES

Clear amber, expressive, almond-shaped, not prominent, large or round.

EARS

Large, thin, stiff, highly mobile, erect when dog is alert, in a continuous line with arch of neck when viewed in profile; base set on level with eyes. Drop ears unacceptable.

MOUTH

Perfectly even white teeth; scissor bite i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Thin lips with no dewlap.

NECK

Very lean, long, muscular and slightly arched.

FOREQUARTERS

Rather steep, short shoulder blades, long straight legs, erect pasterns of good length.

BODY

Level back sloping slightly from the pin bones to rump. Long, flat ribcage. Short coupled with well tucked-up waist, breastbone very prominent. Depth measured between bottom of ribcage and elbow 7-8 cms (2 $\frac{1}{3}$ ins).

HINDQUARTERS

Long, strong, straight and lean, no great angulation, long second thigh, turning neither in nor out.

FEET

Well arched toes, thick pads, light coloured claws. Front feet may turn slightly outwards. Dewclaws should not be removed in front. No hind dewclaws.

TAIL

Long, thin, low set, reaching well below the hock; when passed between legs and round flank reaches spine; may be carried high when excited but not curled within itself or low over back.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

A suspended trot, which is a long far-reaching stride, with a slight hover before placing foot to ground.

COAT

Smooth or rough always hard, close, dense. Longer under tail and at back of legs. Hunting scars should not be penalised.

COLOUR

White, chestnut or lion solid colour, or any combination of these.

SIZE

In country of origin varies between 56 and 74 cms (22 - 29 ins) but balance is overriding factor.

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 on the health and welfare of the dog.

NOTE

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

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