



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



NORWEGIAN BUHUND

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A typical Spitz, a little under middle size, squarely built with an alert and frank expression. Erect, pointed ears. Tail carried firmly curled over the back.

BEHAVIOUR/CHARACTER

Courageous, energetic and friendly.

HEAD

Size in proportion to the body, not too heavy. Wedgeshaped, clean. The male and the female sex characteristics must be clearly defined.

CRANIAL REGION

Skull : almost flat, parallel with nasal bridge. Well filled out under the eyes.

Stop : well defined, but not too pronounced.

FACIAL REGION

Nose : black.

Muzzle : about the same length as skull. Neither too narrow nor too heavy. Nasal bridge straight.

Lips : Tightly closed, black.

Jaws : scissor bite. Complete dentition.

Eyes : oval, colour as dark as possible. Black eyerims.

Ears : medium size, pointed, carried strongly erect.

NECK

Medium long, clean, strong with good rise of neck.

BODY

Back and Loin : short, strong and straight.

Croup : as little sloping as possible.

Chest : deep with good spring of ribs.

TAIL

Set high, firmly curled, carried over the centre of the back, not too much to the side.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS

General Appearance : firm with strong bone.

Shoulder : moderately sloping.

Elbow : well set, turned neither in nor out.

Forearm : straight.

Pastern : moderately sloping.

Forefeet : oval in shape, compact.

HINDQUARTERS

General Appearance : moderate angulation.

Upper Thigh : powerful; well muscled.

Lower Thigh : well muscled.

Hind Feet : oval in shape, compact.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Effortless, parallel with good drive. Firm topline.

COAT

Hair : outer coat. Thick, rich and hard, but rather smooth-lying. On head and front of legs comparatively short, on neck, chest, back of thighs and tail longer. Soft and dense undercoat.

Colour :

Wheaten (biscuit) : ranging from rather light to yellowish red. With or without dark tipped hairs, but must not influence the main colour. Mask permitted. Clean and bright colour preferred. As little white as possible.

Black : preferably self coloured (without too much bronzing). As little white as possible.

SIZE AND WEIGHT

Height at the withers	:	Males	43-47cm
		Bitches	41-45cm

Weight : Males approx. 14-18kg
Bitches approx. 12-16kg.

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.

General appearance too fine or too coarse, lack of elegance

Liver or pink coloured nose

Pincer bite

Light eyes; protruding eyes

Poorly curled tail. Hanging tail. Feathering unwanted.

Overbuilt hindquarters.

Paddling in front. Short, ineffective step.

Wavy or too long coat.

Nervous dog.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

Over or undershot mouth

Not erect ears

Any colour but the ones mentioned above

Dogs more than 1cm under or 2cm above the height at withers mentioned above

Aggressiveness

NOTE

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

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