

A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

IBIZAN HOUND

(Effective 31.03.2016)

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 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ -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.

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 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.

Only clinically and functionally healthy dogs with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.



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