



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.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Low set, strong, sturdily built, alert and active, giving impression of substance and stamina in small space.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Bold in outlook, workmanlike.

TEMPERAMENT:

Outgoing and friendly, never nervous or aggressive.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Head foxy in shape and appearance, with alert, intelligent expression, skull fairly wide and flat between ears, moderate amount of stop. Length of foreface to be in proportion to skull 3 to 5. Muzzle slightly tapering. Nose black.

EYES:

Well set, round, medium size, brown, blending with colour of coat.

EARS:

Pricked, medium-sized, slightly rounded. Line drawn from tip of nose through eye should, if extended, pass through, or close to, tip of ear.

MOUTH:

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

NECK:

Fairly long.

FOREQUARTERS:

Lower legs short and as straight as possible, forearm moulded round chest. Ample bone, carried right down to feet. Elbows fitting closely to sides, neither loose nor tied. Shoulders well laid and angulated at 90 degrees to the upper arm.

BODY:

Medium length, well sprung ribs, not short coupled, slightly tapering, when viewed from above. Level topline. Chest broad and deep, well let down between forelegs.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong and flexible, well angulated stifle. Legs short. Ample bone carried right down to feet. Hocks straight when viewed from behind.

FEET:

Oval, toes strong, well arched, and tight, two centre toes slightly advance of two outer, pads strong and well arched. Nails short.

TAIL:

Tail Previously customarily docked short.

Undocked: Set in line with topline. Natural carriage which may be above or below topline when moving or alert.

Natural bobtails may occur, when the tail can be of any length, carried above or below topline when moving or alert.

[*refer note below]

GAIT/MOUMENT:

Free and active, neither loose nor tied. Forelegs move well forward, without too much lift, in unison with thrusting action of hindlegs.

COAT:

Medium length, straight with dense undercoat, never soft, wavy or wiry.

COLOUR:

Self colours in Red, Sable, Fawn, Black and Tan, with or without white markings on legs, brisket and neck. Some white on head and foreface permissible.

SIZE:

Height: Approximately 25 - 30cm (10 - 12in) at shoulder.

Weight: Dogs: 10 - 12kg (22 - 26 lb) Bitches: 9 - 11kg (20 - 24 lb).

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 dogs 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.

***Regardless of the provisions of the current KUSA-adopted standard, docked or formerly docked breeds may be shown at all FCI- and KUSA-licensed shows in South Africa, whether their tails are docked, or natural. Under no circumstances are judges permitted to discriminate against exhibits on the grounds of docked, or natural tails and equal consideration for awards must be given to either.** (Fedco 12/2017 Amended DR/01/2018)



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