

Canaan Dog

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Canaan Dog

Official Breed Standard of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Medium size, well balanced, strong and square. Marked distinction between sexes.

CHARACTERISTICS

Agile, alert and highly intelligent.

TEMPERAMENT

Confident and vigilant. Aloof with strangers. Steady and loyal to owners.

HEAD & SKULL

Skull well proportioned, wedged shaped of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears. Skull somewhat flattened between ears. Stop shallow but defined. Length from muzzle to stop approximately equal to length from stop to occiput. Nose black. Lips tight and well pigmented.

EYES

Dark, almond shaped and obliquely set with black rims.

EARS

Medium sized, erect and set low with broad base and rounded tip.

MOUTH

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

NECK

Muscular, well arched, of medium length without throatiness.

FOREQUARTERS

Well laid muscular shoulder, elbows close to body. Medium boned. When viewed from the front forelegs straight. Pasterns slightly sloping.

BODY

Square, withers well developed, back level, loins muscular, chest deep and of moderate breadth, ribs well sprung. Belly well tucked up.

HINDQUARTERS

Powerful, broad muscular thighs, hocks well let down. Legs straight when viewed from behind.

FEET

Strong, round and cat like with hard pads.

TAIL

Set high, thick brush carried curled over back when trotting or excited.

GAIT / MOVEMENT

Energetic and natural trot.

COAT

Outer coat dense, harsh and straight of short to medium length. Undercoat close and profuse according to season.

COLOUR

Sand to red-brown, white, black or spotted, with or without a symmetrical black mask. White markings permitted on all colours. Grey, brindle, black and tan or tricolour undesirable.

SIZE

Height: 50 60 cm (20 24 in)

Weight: 18 25 kg (40 55 lb)

Dogs larger than bitches.

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 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.

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