



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.

UTILIZATION

In accordance with the hunting requirements as a specialist for the search of hoofed game, the Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound has to show all the of him required abilities to be useful for the more difficult search. This usefulness must be confirmed by the relevant working trials.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY

All Liam Hounds (Leithunde) and Leashhounds (Schweisshunde) are descended from the original hunting dogs, the "Bracken". All pure "Bracken" have the finest nose for following ground scent and trail; they are firm on scent, have a strongly developed will to follow a trail and are readily giving tongue on scent. Only the most reliable and perseverant Bracken were chosen from the pack to be used on the leash to search for the lost trail of the hunted game. From those most calm and biddable Bracken, the Liam Hounds (Leithunde, working only on natural, cold scent) and the "Scent Hounds" (Schweisshunde, the so called "spoilt Liam Hounds", working the trail of wounded game) were later bred. Through crossing of genetically fairly close breeds at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th century, the present day Hanoverian Scenthound evolved. After the Revolution in 1848, in fact, after the break up of the large hunting estates and the replacement of the previous hunting methods by stalking and hiding (waiting for the game) and at the same time with the improvement of the firearms, the dog was needed "after the shot". Specialized in firmly working on the leash, one could not dispense with the loud chase, perseverance and keenness, especially in mountain regions. There the Hanoverian Scenthound proved too heavy. To achieve the desired accomplishments, even in difficult mountain territory, Baron Karg-Bebenburg, Reichenhall, bred the racy and ennobled lighter Mountain Scenthound after 1870, by crossing Hanoverian Scenthounds and red Mountain Scenthounds. More and more these dogs ousted other breeds from the mountain regions so that the Bavarian Mountain Scenthound is, today, the classical companion for the professional hunter and game keeper. In 1912 the Club for Bavarian Mountain Scenthounds was founded with its seat in Munich. It is the only recognized Club for Bavarian Mountain Scenthounds in Germany.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

An altogether balanced, somewhat light, very mobile and muscular, medium size dog. The body is slightly longer than high, slightly higher at rear, standing on not too long legs. Head carried level or slightly upwards, tail level or slanting downwards.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS

Height at withers should be in the proportion to length of back of 1 : 1.15: the chest should reach down to the elbow.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT

Calm and balanced, devoted to his owner, reserved with strangers. Required is a sound, self assured, unafraid, biddable dog, neither shy nor aggressive.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION

Skull: Relatively broad, flatly arched. Clear rise to forehead. Superciliary arches well developed; occiput not pronounced.

Stop: Well defined.

FACIAL REGION

Nose: Of good size, not too broad. Nostrils well opened. Black or dark red.

Muzzle: Somewhat off-set from eyes, of equal or slightly shorter than skull, sufficiently broad, never pointed. Nasal bridge slightly convex or straight.

Lips/Flews: Pendulous, medium thickness. Corner of lips clearly visible.

Jaws/Teeth: Strong jaws with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite in which the upper incisors overlap the lower incisors without any gap and with the teeth set vertical to the jaw.

42 healthy teeth, according to tooth formula. Pincer bite permitted.

Cheeks: Only moderately pronounced.

Eyes: Clear, alert expression. Not too large or too round. Dark brown or slightly lighter. Well fitting, pigmented lids.

Ears: Somewhat over medium length but at most reaching to nose. Heavy, set on high and broad, rounded at tips. Hanging close to head without any twist.

NECK:

Of medium length and strong. Skin somewhat looser on throat.

BODY:

Topline: Slight rise from withers to hindquarters.

Withers: Barely defined, flowing transition from neck to back.

Back: Strong and supple.

Croup: Long and fairly level (drooping by 20 – 30° is seen to be ideal).

Loins: Relatively short, broad, very well-muscled.

Chest: Moderately broad, well developed forechest, oval ribcage, deep and long, with ribs reaching far back. Chest reaching down to elbow joint.

Underline and Belly: Gradually rising towards rear. Belly slightly tucked up.

TAIL

Medium length, reaching, at most, to hocks. Set on high, carried horizontal or slightly slanting downwards.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS

General appearance: Legs seen from the front, straight and parallel; seen from the side, standing well under the body. Good angulations.

Shoulder: Well slanting, laid back shoulder blade. Strongly muscled.

Upper arm: Long, with good and lean muscles. Scapulo-humeral angulation 90 - 100°.

Elbows: Close fitting to body, turning neither in nor out.

Forearm: Lean, vertical and straight. Strong bone, very well muscled.

Pastern joint: Strong.

Pastern: Slanting lightly.

Front feet: Spoon shaped with well arched, tight toes as well as sufficiently cushioned, coarse, resistant and well pigmented pads. Feet move parallel; in stance and movement turning neither in nor out. Nails black or dark brown to brown.

HINDQUARTERS

General appearance: Strong bone. Seen from rear, straight and parallel. Good angulations.

Upper thigh: Broad and very muscular.

Stifle: Strong (stifle angulation 100 - 110°).

Lower thigh: Relatively long, muscular and sinewy.

Hock joint: Strong.

Rear pastern: Short, standing vertical.

Hind feet: Spoon shaped, with well arched, tight toes as well as sufficiently cushioned, coarse resistant and well pigmented pads.

Feet move parallel; in stance and movement turning neither in nor out. Nails black or dark brown to brown.

GAIT / MOVEMENT:

Ground covering, with good reach in front and strong drive from the rear. Fore- and hindlegs straight and parallel; lightly springy gait. Preferred movement when in action: walk and gallop.

SKIN

Strong, tight fitting.

COAT

HAIR: Dense, close fitting, moderately harsh with little gloss. Finer on head and leathers, harsher and longer on belly, legs and tail.

COLOUR: Deep red, deer red, reddish brown, tan, also clear fawn to biscuit colour, reddish grey as the winter coat of a deer, also brindled or interspersed with black hairs. The basic colour on the back is generally more intense, muzzle and leathers dark. Tail, mostly, interspersed with dark hair. Small light-coloured patch on chest ("Bracken Star") permitted.

SIZE

Height at withers: Dogs: 47 to 52 cm. Bitches : 44 to 48 cm.

No departure from above permitted in either dogs or bitches.

Weight in relation to height to withers: males ideally 20 – 30 kg, females ideally 17 – 25 kg.

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.

SERIOUS FAULTS

- Very loose eyelids.
- Marked hollow or roach back.
- Very in or out at elbow.
- Distinctly overbuilt hindquarters.
- Very flat or barrel shaped chest.
- Hindlegs very close, cow-hocked or bow-shaped, in stance or movement.
- Too fine or thin coat.
- Strong deviation in colour, black colour with red markings (Black and Tan).
- Flesh coloured nose.
- Deviation in size.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Not showing clear sexual dimorphism.
- Under and oversized dogs.

- Not recognised coat colour.
- Incorrect bites. Over or undershot, wry mouth, Palisade bite, wry mouth, partial pincer, slanted bites.
- Missing teeth (except P1; M3 must be present).
- Ectropion, entropion.
- Tail kinked from birth.

N.B.:

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum. Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.



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