

KUSA



Official Breed Standard

Norwegian Buhund (Herding Group)



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:

Watchdog, farm dog and herder of polyvalent use.

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. Wedge shaped, 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 eye rims.

Ears: Medium size, pointed, carried strongly erect.

NECK:

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

BODY:

Back & 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: 43-47 cm. Bitches: 41-45 cm.

WEIGHT:

Dogs: approximately 14-18 kg. Bitches: approximately 12-16 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.

- 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.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Over- or undershot mouth.
- Not erect ears.
- Any colour but the ones mentioned above.
- Dogs more than 1 cm under or 2 cm above the height at withers mentioned above.

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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