

COURSE-HAIRED STYRIAN HOUND

A Breed Standard is the guideline that 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 that could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare, or soundness of this breed.

Most recent changes to this Standard have an effective date of 31/03/2016

ORIGIN

Austria.

UTILISATION

The breed's work does not only consist of hunting by giving tongue, but very often in purely tracking wounded game in difficult mountain territory.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Carl Peintinger, industrialist in Styria, began breeding in 1870 by crossing the Hanoverian Scenthound bitch "Hela 1" with a coarse-haired male Istrian Hound, which excelled in hunting qualities and appearance. The best puppies from this litter were reared, and selective breeding from them was continued. Their rough coats made the dogs resistant to the inclemencies of the weather.



GENERAL APPEARANCE

Medium-size, strong muscles. Expression serious, but not vicious.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT

A passionate, tough hunting dog that unceasingly gives tongue; a firm and determined tracker.

HEAD

Cranial Region:

Skull: Slightly rounded. Occiput well-developed.

Stop: Clear.

Facial Region:

Nose: Black.

Muzzle: Strong and straight.

Lips: Not pendant.

Jaws and teeth: Strong scissor bite. A complete set with 42 teeth is sought after; the total absence of two PM1 or PM2 (premolar 1 or 2) is tolerated; the M3 (molar 3) are not taken into account.

Eyes:

With brown iris.

Ears:

Leather not too large, lying flat, covered with fine hair.

NECK

Strong, not too long.

BODY

Topline: Straight and broad.

Loin: Moderately tucked-up.

Croup: Falling away obliquely.

Chest: Deep and broad.

TAIL

Medium length, strong at root, well-coated, never curled but carried upwards in slight sickle shape. Brush, with no plume, on underside.

LIMBS

Forequarters:

General appearance: Legs straight in position, muscular with good angulation.

Shoulder: Well laid back.

Hindquarters:

General appearance: Muscular, strong, well-angulated. Straight position when seen from rear.

FEET

Not too large. Toes well-arched, close together. Pads hard, not too large.

GAIT / MOVEMENT

Ground-covering, elastic.

COAT

Rough coat, not shaggy, without gloss, harsh, and coarse. Coat on head is shorter than on body, forms a moustache.

COLOUR

- Red and fawn.

* White mark on chest permitted.

SIZE

Height at withers:

Males: 47cm – 53cm (approx. 18½" – 21").

Females: 45cm – 51cm (approx. 17½" – 20").

Ideal height: 45cm – 53cm (approx. 17½" – 21").

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.

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 dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

- Head too fine.
- Leathers folded or too pointed.
- Tail too short, too thin, or curled upwards too much, forming a plume.
- Weak legs.
- Coat too long, thin, curly or soft.
- Shy in temperament.

Disqualifying faults:

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.
- Under or overshot mouth; more than two premolars (PM1 or PM2) missing.
- Any colour other than mentioned in the standard.

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FCI Standard No 62: STEIRISCHE RAUHHAARBRACKE (COURSE-HAIRED STYRIAN HOUND)

FCI Classification: Group 6 – Scenthounds and related breeds.

Section 1.2. Medium-sized Hounds.

With Working Trial