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Official Breed Standard

Pharao Hound (Hound 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.

PHARAO HOUND

(Effective 31.03.2016)

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Medium sized, of noble bearing with clean-cut lines. Graceful yet powerful. Very fast with free, easy movement and alert expression.

CHARACTERISTICS:

An alert, keen hunter, hunting by scent and sight using its ears to a marked degree when working close.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, intelligent, friendly, affectionate and playful.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Skull long, lean and well-chiselled. Foreface slightly longer than skull. Only slight stop. Top of skull parallel with foreface, whole head representing a blunt wedge when viewed in profile and from above.

EYES:

Amber coloured, blending with coat; oval, moderately deep-set, with keen, intelligent expression.

EARS:

Medium high set; carried erect when alert, but very mobile; broad at base, fine and large.

MOUTH:

Powerful jaws with strong teeth. Scissor bite i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NOSE:

Flesh-coloured only, blending with coat.

NECK:

Long, lean, muscular and slightly arched. Clean throat line.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders strong, long and well laid back. Forelegs straight and parallel. Elbows well tucked in. Pasterns strong.

BODY:

Lithe with almost straight topline. Slight slope down from croup to root of tail. Deep brisket extending down to point of elbow. Ribs well sprung. Moderate cut up. Length of body from breast to haunch bone slightly longer than height at withers.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong and muscular. Moderate bend of stifle. Well developed second thigh. Limbs parallel when viewed from behind.

FEET:

Strong, well knuckled and firm, turning neither in nor out. Paws well padded.

TAIL:

Medium set - fairly thick at base and tapering (whip-like), reaching just below point of hock in repose. Carried high and curved when dog is in action. Tail should not be tucked between legs. A screw tail undesirable.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Free and flowing; head held fairly high and dog should cover ground well without any apparent effort. Legs and feet should move in line with body; any tendency to throw feet sideways, or high stepping 'hackney' action, highly undesirable.

COAT:

Short and glossy, ranging from fine and close to slightly harsh; no feathering.

COLOUR:

Tan or rich tan with white markings allowed as follows: White tip on tail strongly desired. White on chest (called 'The Star'). White on toes. Slim white blaze on centre line of face permissible. Flecking or white other than above undesirable.

SIZE:

Dogs: 56 - 63 cms (22 - 25 ins) Bitches: 53 - 61 cms (21 - 24 ins).

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 the health and welfare of the dog and the dog's 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.

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