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Official Breed Standard

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit) (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.

BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (PETIT)

(Effective 31.03.2016)

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Well balanced, short-legged, rough coated, compact hound. Alert outlook and lively bearing.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Strong, active hound capable of a day's hunting, with a good voice purposefully used.

TEMPERAMENT:

Happy, extrovert, independent, yet willing to please.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Head carried proudly. Skull of moderate length, slightly domed, not too wide, oval when viewed from above. Well cut away under eyes. Occiput moderately well developed. Stop clearly defined. Muzzle square, length from nose to stop slightly less than from stop to occiput. Underjaw strong and well developed. Nose black, large and prominent, with wide nostrils. Lips covered with long hair forming beard and moustache.

EYES:

Large, dark and oval, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrow hair standing forward, but not obscuring eyes.

EARS:

Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape. Not reaching beyond the tip of the nose. Set on low, just below the line of the eye.

MOUTH:

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

NECK:

Long and strong, thicker at the base, well set into shoulders; without Dewlap.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders clean and well laid back. Upper arm approximately equal in length to the shoulder. Elbows close to body. Forearms straight when viewed from the front and well boned in proportion to size. Pasterns strong and slightly sloping. Knuckling over is unacceptable.

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BODY:

Back of medium length. Length of body measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock exceeds height at withers at a ratio of approximately 7:5. Chest deep with prominent sternum. Ribs moderately rounded, well let down to elbow and extending well back. Level topline. Strong, short, well-muscled loins. Croup well-muscled and of good width.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong and muscular with good bend of stifle. Well defined second thigh. Hocks well let down and turning neither in nor out.

FEET:

Hard, tight padded, not too long. Nails strong and short.

TAIL:

Of medium length, reaching no further than the hock when lowered. Set on high, thick at the base, ~~strong at base~~, tapering gradually, well furnished with hair. Carried proudly sabre-like when moving.

GAIT/MOVEMENT:

Free at all paces, with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hocks turning neither in nor out.

COAT:

Rough, not too long and without exaggeration: harsh to the touch, with thick undercoat, never silky or woolly. For show purposes the coat may be tidied, but a natural appearance must be retained. Trimming or styling should be penalised.

COLOUR:

White with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings.

SIZE:

Height at withers: 34 - 38 cms (13.5 - 15 ins). A tolerance of 1cm (3/8in) more or less is permissible.

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 on 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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