

# KUSA



Official Breed Standard

## Coarse-haired Styrian Hound (Hound Dog)



*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.*

### **COARSE-HAIRED STYRIAN HOUND (Steirische Rauhaarbracke)**

(Effective 31.03.2016)

#### **UTILIZATION:**

The breed's work does not only consist in hunting with 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 Scent Hound 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 which unceasingly giving 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/Teeth: Strong scissor bite. A complete set with 42 teeth is sought after; the absence of totally two PM1 or PM2 (premolar 1 or 2) is tolerated; the M3 (molar 3) are not taken into account.

Eyes: With brown iris.

Leathers: Not too large, lying flat, covered with fine hair.

##### **NECK:**

Strong, not too long.

**BODY:**

Back: Straight and broad.

Loins: 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.

Shoulders: 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.

**MOVEMENT:**

Ground covering, elastic.

**COAT****HAIR:**

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.

**HEIGHT:**

Height at withers: 45-53 cm

Dogs 47-53 cm

Bitches 45-51 cm.

**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.

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

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

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

**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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