



## GROUP I: SPORTING DOGS

# BRAQUE FRANÇAIS (GASCOGNE)

RECOGNIZED: 1992

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*The breed standard outlines the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed, and ensures that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.*

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

A dog of noble appearance, powerful but not heavy, robust and strong limbed.

### SIZE

**Height:** 58 to 66 cm (22.75 to 26 in)

**Weight:** 24 to 32 kg (53 to 70.5 lb)

### COAT

**Hair:** Rather thick and smooth, finer on the head and ears. **Skin:** Supple and fairly slack.

### COLOUR

White with more or less deep chestnut specks with or without the trout colour or entirely speckled, and chestnut speckled and sometimes liver speckled without patches. Some traces of a fiery pale shade will be above the eyes, on the lips and legs.

### HEAD

Not too heavy although weighty enough. **Skull:** Almost flat or very slightly arched, gives a lightly marked central ridge: the occipital projective little pronounced. Stop is neither let in nor accentuated. **Muzzle:** Straight, big, rectangular with lips well dropped and junction of lips wrinkled. Nose is broad and chestnut in colour. Nostrils well open. **Eyes:** Well open and well set in the orbits; maroon in colour or deep yellow. The look is confident, thoughtful and affectionate. **Ears:** Of average length, set level with the eyes, not too big at the attaching point, well framing the head, slightly folded and rounding at the tip. One or two vertical wrinkles must show on the cheek flanges, on a level or a little below the ear attachment.

### NECK

Of good length, slightly arched on the upper part, appears a little thick on account of the dewlap which must always exist.

### FOREQUARTERS

**Shoulders:** Very muscular and moderately sloping. **Forelegs:** Straight, large and muscular. Elbow well placed. Strong pasterns.

### BODY

**Chest:** Big in front, deep seen in profile, reaching the level of the elbows; ribs are rounded but not excessively so. **Back:** Big, straight, sometimes a trifle long but always strong and firm. **Loins:** Short, muscular, slightly arched. **Buttocks:** Slightly slanting in relation to the line of the back. Haunches well out. **Flanks:** Flat and slightly raised.

## TAIL

May be docked and continuing the convexity of the line of the buttocks; however long the tail, if it is well carried, must not count as a fault more than a short tail.

## HINDQUARTERS

**Thighs:** Strong limbed, but not always very sloping. **Hind legs:** Hocks large, moderately bent, set low on short bones. **Feet:** Compact, nearly round or slightly oval. Pads thick. Strong nails.

## FAULTS

Any departure from the aforementioned ideals shall be considered faulty to the degree in which it interferes with the health and well-being of the dog and the breed's traditional purpose.

- Head too short
- Cheek flanges too heavy
- Face too wrinkled
- Mealy spots on nose and eyelids
- Pointed muzzle
- Skull too narrow or too wide
- Light eyes, unkind or cross look
- Ears set too high or badly carried or too long, too curly
- Shoulders and ribs fine
- Feet with insufficient spread

## DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Black nose, split nose
- Black specks or black hairs scattered over the coat.