



## GROUP I: SPORTING DOGS

# BRAQUE FRANÇAIS (PYRENEES)

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.*

The small Braque Français retains the proportions of the bigger hound with dimensions reduced and a lighter structure but with the same general characteristics as the heavy type.

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

That of a rustic hound, well muscled though without clumsiness.

### SIZE

**Height:** 47 to 56 cm (18.5 to 22 in)

Ideal height 50 to 55 cm (19.75 to 21.75 in); the best size for the various types of work.

**Weight:** 17 to 25 kg (37.5 to 55 lb)

### COLOUR

White with dark brown patches of differing shades, with or without mottling. Or dark brown spotted and mottled or self-coloured, with or without white on head, chest, and legs. White with cinnamon patches and mottling, sometimes self-coloured. Markings of pale tan may appear over the eyes, on cheeks and limbs or in scattered mottling.

### HEAD

Shorter. **Muzzle:** Not square but also not snipey, sometimes slightly convex. **Lips:** Less ample than in the bigger hound. **Ears:** Set on higher, a little shorter, barely folded.

### NECK

Little or no dewlap.

### BODY

**Back:** Shorter. **Flanks:** Not so deep. **Legs:** Of lighter build. **Feet:** Lean, taut.

### TAIL

Thin, can be docked, sometimes short from birth.

### 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 heavy
- Cheeks too prominent
- Skull too wide or too narrow

- Snipey muzzle
- Light eyes
- Unkind or mean expression
- Lack of pigmentation on nose and eye rims
- Ears too long or too short, badly set or carried
- Shoulders, ribs and thighs flat
- Loose skin
- Too light or too heavy construction

#### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- Black nose
- Split nose
- Traces of black in the coat

**Note:** Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.