



GROUP I: SPORTING DOGS

SPANIEL (BLUE PICARDY)

RECOGNIZED: 1995

Effective: January 2004

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

This dog is close to the ground, well built for work. General aspect much like that of the Picardy Spaniel.

SIZE

Height at the withers: Dogs, 57 to 60 cm (22.5 to 23.5 in); a little shorter for bitches.

COAT AND COLOUR

Hair is flat, or slightly wavy, mottled grey black in colour giving it a bluish tinge with back spots. Good feathering on limbs and tail.

HEAD

Nose: Large and well open. **Muzzle:** Long and sufficiently wide. **Lips:** Chops large and well let down, forming a square muzzle. Stop moderately accentuated but marked. **Skull:** Oval, relatively large without bulging parietal bones, occipital bone slightly apparent. **Eyes:** Calm expression, dark, large, well open. **Ears** must be set on a little above the line of the eye, rather thick, framing the face, covered with silky wavy hair; when stretched lengthwise, it must reach the tip of the nose. **Neck:** Well set into the shoulders. A very slight dewlap is allowed.

BODY

Chest: Moderately deep. **Ribs:** Well sprung and descending to the elbows. **Back** and **loin** not too long, well held together. Croup slightly falling away.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders and arms slightly sloping. Upper arms strong and muscular. **Feet:** Round, a little large but not flat, well covered with hair between tight fingers.

HINDQUARTERS

Thighs muscular. Lower shanks long and well feathered. **Hocks:** Angulated without exaggeration and well feathered from the hock joint to the foot. **Feet:** Round, a little large but not flat, well covered with hair between tight toes.

TAIL

Tail not much longer than the hock joint, never hooked.

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.

- Skull too narrow, not chiselled enough
- Muzzle pointed
- Eyes light, too small
- Ears short, set on too high, too thin
- Feet flat, splayed or too large
- Chest ribs too flat or too round

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