



## GROUP I: SPORTING DOGS

### SPANIEL (WELSH SPRINGER)

RECOGNIZED: 1949

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

A symmetrical, compact, strong, merry, very active dog; not stilty, obviously built for endurance and activity.

#### SIZE

**Approximate height at the withers:** Dogs, 48.25 cm (19 in); bitches, 45.75 cm (18 in)

**Weight:** Should be 15.75 to 20.5 kg (35 to 45 lb).

#### COAT

Straight or flat and thick, of a silky texture, never wiry or wavy. A curly coat is most objectionable.

#### COLOUR

Rich red and white only.

#### HEAD

A short, chubby head is objectionable. **Skull:** Proportionate, of moderate length, slightly domed, clearly defined stop, well chiselled below the eyes. **Muzzle:** Medium length, straight, fairly square; the nostrils well developed, and either flesh coloured, liver, or black acceptable. Jaw strong, neither undershot nor overshot. **Eyes:** Hazel, or dark, medium size, not prominent, nor sunken, nor showing haw. **Ears:** Set moderately low and hanging close to the cheeks, comparatively small and gradually narrowing towards the tip, covered with nice Setter-like feathering. While the length of feathering on the ears is of little consequence, the leather must be small.

#### NECK

Long and muscular, clean in throat, neatly set into long and sloping shoulders.

#### FOREQUARTERS

**Forelegs:** Medium length, straight, well boned, moderately feathered.

#### BODY

Not long; strong and muscular with deep brisket, well sprung ribs; length of body should be proportionate to length of leg and very well balanced; with muscular loin slightly arched and well coupled up.

#### HINDQUARTERS

Strong and muscular, wide and fully developed with thick and muscular second thighs. **Hind legs:** Hocks well let down; **stifles** moderately bent (neither twisted in nor out), moderately feathered. **Feet:** Round with thick pads, firm and cat-like, not too large or spreading.

**TAIL**

Well set on and low, never carried above the level of the back, lightly feathered and with lively action.

**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.

- Coarse skull
- Light bone
- Curly coat
- Loaded or poorly angulated shoulders
- Stilted movement