
Pointer (German Wire-Haired)

General Appearance

The German Wire-Haired Pointer is a dog that is essentially Pointer in type, of sturdy build and lively manner, having an intelligent, determined expression.

Temperament

In disposition the dog has been described as energetic, rather aloof but not unfriendly.

Size

Height of males should be from 24-26 inches (61-66 cm) at the withers, bitches smaller but not under 22 inches (56 cm).

Coat and Colour

The coat is weather resisting and to some extent water repellent. The undercoat is dense enough in winter to insulate against the cold but so thin in summer as to be almost invisible. The distinctive outer coat is straight, harsh, wiry and rather flat-lying, from 1½ - 2 inches (4 - 5 cm) in length, it is long enough to protect against the punishment of rough cover but not so long as to hide the outline. On the lower legs it is shorter and between the toes of softer texture. On the skull it is naturally short and close fitting, while over the shoulders and around the tail it is very dense and heavy. The tail is nicely coated particularly on the underside, but devoid of feather. These dogs have bushy eyebrows of strong, straight hair and beards and whiskers of medium length.

The coat is liver and white, usually either liver and white spotted, liver roan, liver and white spotted with ticking and roaning or sometimes solid liver. The nose is dark brown. The head is brown, sometimes with a white blaze, the ears brown.

Head

The head is moderately long, the **skull** broad, the occipital bone not too prominent. The stop is medium, the **muzzle** fairly long with nasal bone straight and broad, the lips a trifle pendulous but close and bearded. The **nose** is dark brown with nostrils wide open, and the teeth are strong with scissors bite. **Eyes** are brown, medium in size, oval in contour, bright and clear and overhung with bushy eyebrows. Yellow eyes are not desirable. The **ears**, rounded but not too broad, and close to sides of the head.

Neck

The neck is of medium length, slightly arched and devoid of dewlap; in fact, the skin throughout is notably tight to the body.

Forequarters

Forelegs are straight, with shoulders obliquely set and elbows close. Leg bones are flat rather than round, and strong, but not so heavy or coarse as to militate against the dog's natural agility.

Body

The body is a little longer than it is high, as ten is to nine, with the back short, straight and strong, the entire back line showing a perceptible slope down from withers to croup. The chest is deep and capacious, the ribs well sprung, loins taut and slender. Hips are broad, with croup nicely rounded. The tuck-up is apparent.

Hindquarters

The thighs are strong and muscular. The hind legs are moderately angulated at stifle and hock and as viewed from behind, parallel to each other. Round in outline, the feet are webbed, high arched with toes close, their pads thick and hard, and their nails strong and quite heavy.

Tail

The tail is docked, approximately two-fifths of original length.

Faults

A short smooth coat, a soft woolly coat, or an excessively long coat is to be severely penalized. Any black in the coat is to be severely penalized. Spotted and flesh-coloured noses are undesirable and are to be penalized.