

and of goat like texture; dense and evenly distributed all over the body; there is no undercoat or wool.

Head

Strong, broad, neither long nor globular. **Skull:** Slightly longer than wide; convex on the two axes, but more so laterally; the superciliary ridges are not prominent; the medial furrow is pronounced up to the half of the forehead; skull between set-on of ears almost flat, occipital protuberance visible. **Stop:** Well defined; the upper longitudinal cranial-facial axes are divergent. **Nose:** Well detached, slightly raised, with large nostrils; cylindrical and almost vertically truncated; black is preferable or otherwise darker than the coat. **Muzzle:** Almost cylindrical, straight in profile or slightly hollowed; short, measuring about two thirds of the length of the skull; width in proportion to length and shape. **Lips:** Tight, not overlapping; thin, firm, almost straight. **Teeth:** Normally developed; in perfect opposition with white and solid teeth. **Eyes:** Lively expression, intelligent and docile; set level with the head; preferably of a dark colour; rounded, medium size and horizontal; eyelids black pigmented or always darker than the coat colour. **Ears:** Set high; hanging and without folds, when they are not cropped, and straight when they are cropped; triangular, medium length, fine and smooth.

Neck

Harmoniously attached to head and body, straight and slightly rising; of regular size; without dewlap.

Forequarters

Strong, evenly separated; vertical seen from the front and sides. Shoulder and upperarm: Strong, medium length; well muscled; angle of the shoulder straight. Forearm: Vertical and well muscled. Pastern joint: Lean and no prominent. Pastern: Of even size; medium length, not very sloping from top to bottom and back to front. Feet: Round, not flat, toes long and tight, very well knuckled up; nails long, strong and black or darker than the colour of the coat; pads thick and tough.

Body

Topline: Not much sloping, underline of the body tucked up. Back: Straight or slightly hollow and long. Loins: Short and rounded; wide and curved, well muscled and well joined to the back and the croup. Croup: Of medium length and width; slightly slanting. Forechest: Prominent, descending backward and downwards; ample. Chest: Well let down; of

medium width and depth. Ribs: Lightly sprung, with oval ribcage; sloping front to back. Underline and Belly: Regularly voluminous; slightly rising.

Hindquarters

Strong, regularly separated; in vertical position from the back in profile. Upper thigh: Of medium length and width; well muscled. Lower thigh: Slightly inclined, long, well muscled. Hock joint: Set rather lower than high; of normal width, strong and lean, angle of the hock well open. Metatarsal: Of even thickness, but strong; medium length, not very sloping from top to bottom and front to back; single or double dewclaws are allowed. Feet: Round, not flat; toes long and tight, well knuckled up; nails long, strong and black or darker than the colour of the coat; the pads are thick and tough.

Tail

High set, pointed, tapering towards the base, touching the hocks; when relaxed carried between the legs, more or less arched or curved at the tip; in action spreads out a little curved and fans out or rolls up.

Gait

Light and flowing, predominantly the trot; the gallop when work demands it, energetic.

Faults

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

- Nose pointed.
- Lips overlapping or pendulous.
- Stop poorly defined.
- Eyes light, small, not round or slanting.
- Ears folded.
- Body : Hollow back or too sloping, underline too much tucked up.
- Croup : Horizontal or too sloping.
- Tail : Low set, short or rolled over on the back when in repose.
- Nails white.
- Coat soft or white patch on the chest.

Disqualification

- Head: Narrow and long.
- Muzzle: convex
- Jaws: bad fit
- Skull: flat, globular or narrow.
- Ears: low set.
- Tail: docked or naturally tailless.
- Hair: Not long enough, curled and looped, white on the extremities of the legs or pied.
- Size: Dwarfism.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

Scale of Points

General appearance.....	20
Head	15
Eyes.....	10
Ears.	5
Body.....	10
Legs.....	10
Tail.....	10
Coat	15
Gait	5
TOTAL	100

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