



are born with curly hair. The coat should not be clipped for aesthetic purposes, it should look natural.

### Colour:

- Solid: White, black and chestnut in their different shades.
- Bicoloured : White and black or white and brown in their different shades.
- Tricoloured subjects, and black and tan as well as hazelnut and tan dogs are not admitted.

### Head

Strong, carried with elegance. **Skull:** Flat with only slightly marked occipital crest. Axes of skull and muzzle parallel. **Stop:** Facial-cranial depression gentle, only slightly marked. **Face:** Profile is rectilinear. **Nose:** Nostrils well defined. Nose is of the same colour or slightly darker than the darkest tone of the coat. **Lips:** Well fitting; labial corners well defined. **Teeth:** Well formed, white, with well developed canines. **Eyes:** Slightly oblique position, very expressive; of a hazel to chestnut colour, should harmonize with the colour of the coat. The conjunctiva is not apparent. **Ears:** Set at medium height, triangular and drooping.

### Neck

Short, well muscled, without dewlap, well set into the shoulders.

### Forequarters:

Strong and vertical. Shoulders: Well muscled and oblique. Upper arms: Sturdy. Elbows: Close to the chest and parallel. Forearms: Straight and sturdy. Carpus(Pastern joint) and pastern: Straight, rather short. Front feet: Rounded, toes tight, nails of varied colours; resistant pads.

### Body

Robust. **Topline:** Straight. **Withers:** Hardly marked. **Back:** Straight and powerful. **Croup:** Slightly sloping. **Chest:** Broad and well let down - ribs well arched; diameter of thorax ample indicating considerable respiratory capacity. **Underline:** Belly slightly tucked up.

**Hindquarters**

Perfectly vertical with not too pronounced angulations and muscles capable of transmitting to the body a very energetic impulsion and the spring necessary for easy and elegant jumping. Upper thighs: Long and well muscled. Second thighs: Well developed. Hock joint: Well let down. Hock: Short, lean and perpendicular to the ground. Hind feet: As the forefeet.

**Tail**

Set at medium height. Docking must be done at the height of the 2nd to the 4th caudal vertebra.

Certain subjects show a congenital shortened tail (brachyouria).

**Gait**

The preferred gait is a trot.

**Fault**

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.

**Serious Faults:**

- Dorso-lumbar region distinctly saddle-backed.
- Limbs incorrect.
- Belly let down or excessively tucked up.

**Disqualification**

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Inferior or superior prognathism.
- Presence of dewclaws.
- Smooth or wavy coat.
- Albinism.
- Spotty or flecked coat, black and tan or chestnut and tan coat.

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

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