



Braque Français (Pyrenees)

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.

The Small Braque Français retains the proportions of the bigger hound with dimensions reduced and a lighter structure but with the same general characteristics as the heavy type.

General Appearance

That of a rustic hound, well muscled though without clumsiness.

Head

Shorter. **Muzzle:** Not square but also not snipey, sometimes slightly convex.

Lips: Less ample than in the bigger hound. **Ears:** Set on higher, a little shorter, barely folded.

Neck

Little or no dewlap.

Back

Shorter

Flanks

Not so deep.

Legs

Of lighter build.

Feet

Lean, taut.

Tail

Thin, can be docked, sometimes short from birth.

Colour

White with dark brown patches of differing shades, with or without mottling. Or dark brown spotted and mottled or self-coloured, with or without white on head, chest, and legs. White with cinnamon patches and mottling, sometimes self-coloured. Markings of pale tan may appear over the eyes, on cheeks and limbs or in scattered mottling.

Height

47-56 cm (18 ½-22 in). Ideal height 50-55 cm (19 ½-21 ½ in); the best size for the various types of work.

Weight

17-25 kg (37.5-55 lb)



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.

- Head too heavy,
- cheeks too prominent,
- skull too wide or too narrow
- Snipey muzzle
- light eyes
- unkind or mean expression
- Lack of pigmentation on nose and eye rims
- Ears too long or too short
- badly set or carried
- Shoulders,
- ribs and thighs flat
- loose skin
- too light or too heavy construction.

Disqualifications

- Black nose
- split nose
- traces of black in the coat.

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

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