



## Spaniel (Blue Picardy)

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

This dog is close to the ground, well built for work. General aspect much like that of the Picardy Spaniel.

### Size

57-60 cm (22 ½ - 23 ½ in) at the withers for males, a little shorter for females.

### Coat and Colour

Hair is flat, or slightly wavy, mottled grey black in colour giving it a bluish tinge with back spots. Good feathering on limbs and tail.

### Head and Skull

**Nose** large and well open.

**Muzzle** long and sufficiently wide. Lips chops large and well let down, forming a square muzzle.

**Stop** moderately accentuated but marked. Skull oval, relatively large without bulging parietal bones, occipital bone slightly apparent.

**Eyes** calm expression, dark, large, well open.

**Ears** must be set on a little above the line of the eye, rather thick, framing the face, covered with silky wavy hair; when stretched lengthwise, it must reach the tip of the nose. **Neck** well set into the shoulders. A very slight dewlap is allowed.

### Body

Chest moderately deep. Ribs well sprung and descending to the elbows. Back and loin not too long, well held together. Croup slightly falling away.

### Forequarters

Shoulders and arms slightly sloping. Upper arms strong and muscular. Feet round, a little large but not flat, well covered with hair between tight fingers.

### Hindquarters

Thighs muscular. Lower shanks long and well feathered. Hocks angulated without exaggeration and well feathered from the hock joint to the foot. Feet round, a little large but not flat, well covered with hair between tight toes. Tail not much longer than the hock joint, never hooked.



### 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.

- Skull too narrow, not chiselled enough.
- Muzzle pointed.
- Eyes light, too small.
- Ears short, set on too high, too thin.
- Feet flat, splayed or too large.
- Chest ribs too flat or too round.

Note: Male subjects must have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

Breed Name: Blue Picardy Spaniel  
Year of Recognition: 1995  
Effective Date: January 2004