



## Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

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

A symmetrical, compact, strong, merry, very active dog; not stilty, obviously built for endurance and activity.

### Size

Approximate Height: Dogs 48 cm (19 in) at withers; bitches 46 cm (18 in) at withers.  
Weight: Should be 16-20.5 kg (35-45 lb).

### Coat and Colour

Straight or flat and thick, of a silky texture, never wiry or wavy. A curly coat is most objectionable. Rich red and white only.

### Head

A short, chubby head is objectionable.

**Skull** proportionate, of moderate length, slightly domed, clearly defined stop, well chiselled below the eyes.

**Muzzle:** medium length, straight, fairly square; the nostrils well developed, and either flesh coloured, liver, or black acceptable. Jaw strong, neither undershot nor overshot.

**Eyes** hazel, or dark, medium size, not prominent, nor sunken, nor showing haw.

**Ears** set moderately low and hanging close to the cheeks, comparatively small and gradually narrowing towards the tip, covered with nice Setter-like feathering. While the length of feathering on the ears is of little consequence, the leather must be small.

### Neck

Long and muscular, clean in throat, neatly set into long and sloping shoulders.

### Forelegs

Medium length, straight, well boned, moderately feathered.

### Body

Not long; strong and muscular with deep brisket, well sprung ribs; length of body should be proportionate to length of leg and very well balanced; with muscular loin slightly arched and well coupled up.

### Hindquarters

Strong and muscular, wide and fully developed with thick and muscular second thighs.

### Hind legs

Hocks well let down; stifles moderately bent (neither twisted in nor out), moderately feathered.



**Feet**

Round with thick pads, firm and cat-like, not too large or spreading.

**Tail**

Well set on and low, never carried above the level of the back, lightly feathered and with lively action.

**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.

- Coarse skull,
- light bone,
- curly coat,
- loaded or poorly angulated shoulders,
- stilted movement.

Breed Name: Welsh Springer Spaniel  
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