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## **Spaniel (Welsh Springer)**

### **General Appearance**

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

### **Size**

Approximate Height:

Dogs 19 inches (48 cm) at withers; Bitches 18 inches (46 cm) at withers.

Weight:

Should be 35-45 lb. (16-20 kg).

### **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 chiseled 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**

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