GREYHOUND

RECOGNIZED: 1889

Effective: January 2004

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.

SIZE
Weight: Dogs, 29.5 to 31.75 kg (65 to 70 lb); bitches, 27.25 to 29.5 kg (60 to 65 lb)

COAT
Coat short, smooth, and firm in texture.

COLOUR
Colour immaterial.

HEAD
Long and narrow, fairly wide between the ears, scarcely perceptible stop, little or no development of nasal sinuses, good length of muzzle, which should be powerful without coarseness. *Teeth* very strong and even in front. *Eyes* dark, bright, intelligent, indicating spirit. *Ears* small and fine in texture, thrown back and folded, except when excited, when they are semi-pricked.

NECK
Long, muscular, without throatiness, slightly arched, and widening gradually into the shoulder.

FOREQUARTERS
Shoulders placed as obliquely as possible, muscular without being loaded. *Forelegs* perfectly straight, set well into the shoulder, neither turned in nor out, *pasterns* strong.

BODY
Back muscular and broad, well arched. *Chest* deep, and as wide as consistent with speed, fairly well-sprung ribs. *Loins* have good depth of muscle, well cut up in the flanks.

HINDQUARTERS
Long, very muscular and powerful, wide and well let down, well-bent stifles. *Hocks* well bent and rather close to ground, wide but straight fore and aft. *Feet* hard and close, rather more hare than cat-feet, well knuckled up with good strong claws.

TAIL
Long, fine, and tapering with a slight upward curve.

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.

SCALE OF POINTS

General symmetry and quality 10

Head and neck 20

Chest and shoulders 20

Back 10

Quarters 20

Legs and feet 20

TOTAL   **100**