

Canaan Dog

General Appearance

A medium sized, well balanced, strong and square dog resembling the wild dog type. Strong distinction between the sexes.

Head

Well proportioned, blunt wedge shape of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears. **Skull** somewhat flattened. Some width allowed in powerful male heads. Stop shallow but defined. **Muzzle** sturdy, of moderate length and breadth. **Jaws** should be strong. **Lips** tight. **Nose** black. **Ears** erect, relatively short and broad, slightly rounded at the tip and set low. **Eyes** dark brown, slightly slanted, almond shaped. Dark rims essential. **Mouth** full dentition with scissors or level bite.

Neck

Muscular, of medium length.

Body

Square, withers well developed, back level, loins muscular, chest deep and of moderate breadth, ribs well sprung. Belly well tucked up. Moderate angulation. Balance is essential.

Forequarters

The shoulder should be oblique and muscular, elbows close to the body. Forelegs perfectly straight.

Hindquarters

Powerful, well bent stifles. Hocks well let down. Strong buttocks, lightly feathered.

Feet

Strong, round and catlike with hard pads.

Tail

Set high, thick brush carried curled over the back.

Coat

Outer coat dense, harsh and straight, of short to medium length. Undercoat close and profuse.

Colour

Sand to red-brown, white, black, or spotted with or without mask. If masked, mask must be symmetrical. Black mask permitted on all colours. White markings are permitted on all colours; "Boston Terrier" patterns are common. Grey, brindle, black-and-tan, or tricolour are unacceptable. Desert colours and gold, red, cream are most typical of the breed.

Weight and Size

Height 50-60 cm, males may be considerably larger than females.

Weight 40-55 lbs. 18-25 kg.

Gait

Quick, light and energetic trot. Should demonstrate marked agility and stamina. Correct movement is essential.

Character

Alert, quick to react, distrustful of strangers, strongly defensive but not naturally aggressive. Vigilant not only against man but other animals as well. Extraordinarily devoted and amenable to training.

Faults

All deviations from the standard of the breed. All faults in body structure which constitute a deviation from the norm of a well built dog; anything that would detract from his potential for survival as a desert animal.

Note:

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