



GROUP III: WORKING DOGS

ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG

RECOGNIZED: 1993

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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.

Origin

A Swiss breed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

This is a smaller than average dog, well proportioned in every way. Very mobile and nimble with a friendly and intelligent look. A good guardian and herder of cattle; a faithful and incorruptible guard dog and companion.

SIZE

Height at the withers: 40 to 50 cm (15.75 to 19.75 in)

COAT & COLOUR

The coat is similar to that of all Swiss mountain dogs: black with markings varying from yellow to rusty brown over the eyes, on cheeks and on all four feet. Symmetrical white markings on the head (blaze), on the neck, on the chest and on the feet are also viewed positively; yellow or brown colouring must then be situated between the black and the white areas.

HEAD

Well proportioned to the rest of the body. Flattened forehead with a slight stop. The **jaw** is powerful and well-shaped. The **muzzle** clearly detaches itself from the forehead and from the cheeks. Cheeks are not very well developed. The **eyes** are rather small, brown, alert. The **nose** is black. The **ears** are of medium size and set high. The ear is rounded at the bottom, pendulous and set close to the head. As with all Swiss mountain dogs, the ear is turned slightly towards the front when the dog is alert.

NECK

Short and compact, connected to the body without transition.

BODY

Fairly stretched out, giving the dog the general appearance of being longer than he is tall. The **chest** is deep and broad. The **back** is straight and strong. The **shoulder** is long and oblique.

LEGS

The legs are straight and sturdy; hocks at right angles. Feet round and tight. Dewclaws are undesirable.

TAIL

The tail is blunt from birth.

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.

Particular faults

- A rounded superior part of the head
- Light-coloured eyes
- An elongated, fine or curved muzzle; a muzzle that is overshot or undershot
- Pointed, short, detached or poorly set ears
- Splayed toes
- Inappropriate colours or too much white colour
- Hair too long or too soft