



GROUP III: WORKING DOGS

EURASIER

RECOGNIZED: 1995

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.

ORIGIN & PURPOSE

In 1960 a breed was evolved by crossing a Chow Chow and a Wolfspitz. This was first called “Wolf Chow” and then, after crossing with a Samoyed, was renamed “Eurasier” (Eurasian) and recognized by the FCI.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Balanced, well-constructed medium-sized dog of Spitz type with prick ears and coming in varied colours. Length of coat should be such as still to reveal the body proportions. With medium bone.

TEMPERAMENT

Self-assured, calm, even tempered with high resistance against any provocation. Watchful and alert without being noisy. Very strongly developed link to his family. Reserved towards strangers without being aggressive. No hunting instinct. For the full development of these qualities, the Eurasier needs constant close domestic contact with his family and understanding, yet consistent training.

SIZE

Height at withers: Dogs, 52 to 60 cm (20.5 to 23.5 in); bitches, 48 to 56 cm (19 to 22 in)

Weight: Dogs, 23 to 32 kg (50.75 to 70.5 lb); bitches, 18 to 26 kg (39.75 to 57.25 lb)

The balance of the proportions is most important but the ideals to aim for are dogs 56 cm (22 in) and 26 kg (57.25 lb), and bitches 52 cm (20.5 in) and 22 kg (48.5 lb). Length of back slightly longer than height at withers. The ratio of length of muzzle and length of cranial region is almost equal.

COAT

All over the body a thick undercoat and a medium length, loosely lying, harsh topcoat. Short coat on muzzle, face, ears and front of legs. Tail, back of front legs (feathers) and hind legs (breeches) covered in long hair. Coat on neck slightly longer than on body, not forming a mane. **Skin:** Tight, well pigmented.

COLOUR

All colours and colour combinations are permitted with the exception of pure white, white patches or liver colour.

HEAD

Balanced, not too broad skull. Shape of head seen from above and sideways, wedge-shaped. Bridge of nose and cranial region run parallel. Shape of **skull**, flat forehead with distinct frontal furrow. Well-defined occiput. **Stop:** Barely defined. **Nose:** Medium size, nose leather with back pigmentation. **Muzzle:** Neither too coarse nor too pointed. Tapering towards the nose leather. Straight bridge of nose and ramus of mandible. **Lips:** Edges of lips tight with black pigmentation. **Jaws:** Strong, broad arch to lower jaw. Cheeks barely pronounced. **Teeth:** Strong, complete set of teeth (42 teeth conforming to usual tooth formation). Bite either scissors or even. Upper incisors either fit closely over lower incisors or meet. Premolars and molars set in one line without gaps. All teeth must be

in vertical position to jaw. **Eyes:** Dark, medium size, not too deep set nor protruding. Orbital aperture slightly slanting. Eye rims with black pigmentation and tight-fitting. **Ears:** Set apart by about the width of the base of an ear. Medium size and triangular. Prick ears with tips slightly rounded. Tips of ears and centre of stop should form a nearly equilateral triangle.

NECK

Of medium length, in balance with general appearance. Well muscled. Skin on throat tight-fitting. Flowing transition to body.

FOREQUARTERS

Seen from front, straight and parallel in position. Seen from side, moderately angulated. Upper and lower arm of almost equal length. **Shoulders:** Well muscled. Lying slightly slanted. Upper arm medium length, well muscled. **Elbows:** Close to chest. Lower arm medium length, well muscled. Pastern joint strong. **Pastern:** Medium length, quite straight seen from front, seen from side, inclined slightly forward. **Forefeet:** Oval, tight, moderately arched. Strong nails with dark pigmentation. Firm, well cushioned, black pigmented pads. Thick hair between pads.

BODY

Strong, not too short in back. **Withers:** Pronounced. **Back:** Firm and straight. Very well muscled. **Loin:** Of good length and width, well muscled. Rump straight, broad and strong. **Chest:** Reaching to the elbows with oval shaped ribcage. **Forechest:** Well developed without being pronounced. Sternum long, reaching far back. Lower line slight tuck-up.

HINDQUARTERS

Seen from behind, straight and parallel. Seen from side with moderate angulation. **Upper and lower thigh:** Of almost equal length. Pelvis slightly slanting. Upper thigh medium length with strong muscle. **Stifle:** Stable, not too straight. Lower thigh medium length, well muscled. **Hock joint:** Not set too low, stable, neither turning in or out. **Hock:** Good length and breadth, vertical when seen from side. **Hind feet:** Oval, tight, moderately arched. Strong nails with dark pigmentation. Firm, well cushioned pads. Thick hair between pads.

TAIL

Straight set on, round and firm, of good thickness, tapering towards the tip. Bushy hair. Carried lying forward over back or bent slightly sideways or rolled up. When hanging down, reaching the hocks.

GAIT

Ground covering with plenty of drive and good forward stride.

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.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Nervousness, shyness, excessive suspiciousness, aggression
- Ears which flap or pendulous ears
- Distichiasis (eyelashes arranged in two lines), ectropion, entropion, eyes set too deep or eyes too small
- Single or more incisor or canine tooth missing; single or more premolars 3 or 4 missing, or single or more molars 1 or 2, anomalies in bite
- Kinky tail
- Strong lack of pigment
- Lack of correct gender characteristics