GROUP II: HOUNDS

BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN SCENTHOUND

RECOGNIZED: N/A

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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 & PURPOSE

German blood tracking for searching for wounded big game, known as a "Scenthounds". In accordance with the hunting requirements as a specialist for the search of hoofed game, the Bavarian Mountain Scenthound has to show all the required abilities to be useful for the more difficult search.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Medium-size dog, an altogether balanced, somewhat light, very mobile and muscular. The body is slightly longer than high, slightly higher at rear, standing on not too long legs so as not to hinder the work of the nose to the ground and are characteristic of the type. Head carried level or slightly upwards, tail level or slanting downwards.

TEMPERAMENT

Calm and balanced, devoted to his owner, reserved with strangers. Required is a sound, self-assured, unafraid, biddable dog, neither shy nor aggressive.

SIZE

Height at the withers: Dogs, 47 to 52 cm (18.5 to 20.5 in); bitches, 44 to 48 cm (17.25 to 19 in)
Weight: Dogs, 20 to 30 kg (44 to 66 lb); bitches, 17 to 25 kg (37.5 to 55 lb)
No departure from above permitted in either dogs or bitches.

COAT

Hair: Dense, close fitting, moderately harsh with little gloss. Finer on head and leathers; harsher and longer on belly, legs and tail. ***Skin:*** Strong, tight-fitting.

COLOUR

Deep red, deer red, reddish brown, tan, also clear fawn to biscuit colour, reddish grey as the winter coat of a deer, also brindled or interspersed with black hairs. The basic colour on the back is generally more intense, muzzle and leathers dark. Tail, mostly, interspersed with dark hair. Small light-coloured patch on chest ("Bracken Star") permitted.

HEAD

Skull: Relatively broad, slightly arched. Clear rise to forehead. Superciliary arches well developed; occiput not pronounced. ***Stop:*** Well defined. ***Eyes:*** Clear, alert expression. Not too large or too round. Dark brown or slightly lighter. Well fitting, pigmented lids. ***Ears:*** Medium length but at most reaching to nose. Heavy, set on high and broad, rounded at tips. Hanging close to head without any twist. ***Nose:*** Of good size, not too broad. Nostrils well opened. Black or dark red. ***Muzzle:*** Somewhat off-set from the eyes, of equal length or slightly shorter than skull, sufficiently broad, never pointed. Nasal bridge slightly convex or straight. ***Lips/flews:*** Pendulous, medium

thickness. Corner of lips clearly visible. ***Jaws/teeth:*** Strong jaws with a perfect, regular and complete scissors bite. Complete dentition. ***Cheeks:*** Only moderately pronounced.

NECK
Of medium length, strong. Skin somewhat looser on throat.

FOREQUARTERS
Strong bones. Legs seen from the front, straight and parallel; seen from the side, standing well under the body. Shoulder: Well laid back shoulder blade. Strongly muscled. ***Upper arm:*** Long, with good and lean muscles. Scapulo-humeral angulation 90-100°. ***Elbows:*** Close fitting to body, turning neither in nor out. ***Forearm:*** Lean, vertical and straight. Strong bone, very well-muscled. ***Pastern joint:*** Strong. ***Pastern:*** Slightly oblique. ***Front feet:*** Cat-shaped with well-arched, tight toes as well as sufficiently cushioned, coarse, resistant and well-pigmented pads. Feet move parallel; standing and moving turning neither in nor out. Nails black or dark brown to brown.

BODY
Important proportion: Height at withers should be in the proportion to length of body from 1: 1.15 to 1: 1.25. ***Topline:*** Slight rise from withers to hindquarters. ***Withers:*** Barely defined, flowing transition from neck to back. ***Back:*** Strong and supple. ***Loins:*** Relatively short, broad, very well muscled. ***Croup:*** Long and fairly level (drooping by 20-30° is seen to be ideal). ***Chest:*** Moderately broad, well-developed forechest, oval rib cage, deep and long, with ribs reaching far back. Chest reaching down to elbow joint. ***Underline/belly:*** Gradually rising towards rear. Belly slightly tucked up.

HINDQUARTERS
Strong bone. Seen from rear, straight and parallel. ***Upper thigh:*** Broad and very muscular. ***Stifle:*** Strong (stifle angulation 100-110°). ***Lower thigh:*** Relatively long, muscular and sinewy. ***Hock joint:*** Strong. ***Rear pastern:*** Short, standing vertical. ***Hind feet:*** Cat-shaped, with well-arched, tight toes as well as sufficiently cushioned, coarse, resistant and well-pigmented pads. Feet move parallel; standing and moving turning neither in nor out. Nails black or dark brown to brown.

TAIL
Medium length, reaching, at most, to hocks. Set on high, carried horizontal or slightly slanting downwards.

GAIT
Ground covering, with good reach in front and strong drive from the rear. Fore and hind legs straight and parallel. Smooth gait. Preferred movement when in action: walk and gallop.

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.

- Square build
- Fine bones
- Undershot or overshot bite
- Ectropion, entropion
- Twisted or small ears
- Hindquarters strongly overbuilt
- Swayback or roach back
- Barrel-shaped rib cage
- Strongly curved or thin tail
- Steep or loose shoulders
- Strongly cow-hocked or bandy-legged

- Splayed feet, hare-feet

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Aggressive or overly shy
- Not recognized coat colour
- Incorrect bites
- Missing teeth
- Tail kinked and/or knotted vertebrae