



Chodsky Pes Bohemian Shepherd

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Chodsky Pes – the Czech national breed

History

- This breed has its origin in history. In his work extolling the Chodsko region (1923-1924), the writer Jindrich Simoon Baar described dogs from the Sumava region, which he called Chodsky. These balanced and very tenacious dogs were used for guarding and protecting and to round up cattle. There are many writings and illustrations linked with the region of Chodsko. J.A. Gabriel, writing about Chodsko in 1864, described the local people with the nick-name “Dog-heads”, as their pennon featured the silhouette of a typical sheepdog with a longer coat at the neck – their faithful home guard. The existence of longhaired sheepdogs who were faithful helpers and guards was also described by the writer A. Jirásek in his novel entitled “Dog-heads”. illustrated by Mikolás Als.



Bohemian Shepherd is a very popular breed not only in the Czech Republic but also in other countries. Registered over 7300 males and females, the breeding club (KPCHP, z.s.) has more than 700 members. In 2016 was 1. Europe exhibition of Bohemian Shepherd where examined more than 300 dogs from 9 different countries.

Size, weight and in general balanced body proportions. Plus typical traits of character and easy motivation and desire to do any activity that the dog owner wants to do with his dog. It means that Bohemian Shepherd is very versatile and suitable for a lot of training and sport events – starting from universal training up to new dog-breeding sports. Both for experienced and beginning cynologists.

Bohemian Shepherd is a great family dog, companion for long walks as well as lively and reliable guard.



Chodsky Pes Breedstandard

The Interpretation Standard - Assessment Methodology for Dog Shows

Even though Chodský pes // Bohemian Shepherd standard for FCI judges is known, the judging of this breed is very often much different.

There are differences in overall dog rating or in the assessment of individual proportions. There are subjective views of FCI judges when judging the breed. The main reason usually it is common practice that the judge does not have enough experience in evaluating the national breed and has no opportunity comparing more individuals with the standard.

This methodology helps us to understand what Bohemian Shepherd we were breeding, what are the typical features of the breed and how to deal during judging.

GENERAL APPEARANCE AND FULL BODY PROPORTION

Chodský pes // Bohemian Shepherd is a medium-sized sheep breed, lower than most sheep breeds. By this way we were breeding our Bohemian Shepherd. The vision was to regenerate a small sheepdog with outstanding versatile character and a durable breed. This fact must also be observed during its judging on Dog Shows.



The standard height is 52-55 cm male and 49-52 cm (18-25 kg) female. Possible deviation it is max. +/- 2 cm, but it is already a deficiency in relation to the breed standard.

There must be clearly distinct sexual dimorphism (expression, headformation, height, constitution)



FENA/female

PES/male



PES / male



FENA / female



PES/male

FENA/female



FENA/female

PES/male

Head modeling is different from other sheep breeds. The muzzle must be slightly shorter than half the total length of the head, a clearly visible wide front tilt. The ear is short with a wider base. Size the ear is judged in relation to the head size. Ears must be covered with longer thick hair on the root and on the edge of the ear are "brushes". In the show ring, Bohemian Shepherd should have the upright erected ears, which is proof of its spirited character and underlines its typical expression.

Just the right setting, carrying and size - the shape of the ear, the rich coat of the ears makes a distinctive appearance Bohemian Shepherd breed. The head must not be coarse or soft, it must be noble and proportionate to size.



Pictured from the left : Typical head and Bohemian Shepherd expression – Long/big ear – Longer and a little coated ear – Winder fitted ear and a little coated.

The differences in setting and sizes of ears, coating included – one of the basic characters of Bohemian Shepherd.



Picture shows differences in modeling the head of sheep breeds (from left : Bohemian Shepherd, Deutscher Schäferhund, Malinois, Tervueren, Hollandse Herdeshond .

The Bohemian Shepherd standard describes the **eye** (medium sized, almond shaped, ideally dark brown). Very important, however, it is also **the expression of the eyes**, which is characterized the nature of the Bohemian Shepherd - a cheerful, alive, attentive and alert.

It follows a gracefully carried long **neck**, covered with long hair, forming the mane. The neck is sufficiently muscular, it affects correctly the dog's head and posture.

The back line is straight, firm, slightly raised at the withers. The croup continues smoothly, without a slight transition downline. Forechest is wider well muscled. Lightly rectangular frame, ratio between height and length the body is 10:11. The depth of the chest is at the height of the withers at the withers.

LIMBS AND MOVEMENT

The Bohemian Shepherd is a medium sheep breed with a strong skeleton and well-developed muscles. **Forechest** must be sufficiently developed. The position of the limbs (their spacing) is given by the width of the chest and the overall the strength of the dog. Depending on the width of the position, we can quickly determine whether the skeleton and chest are sufficiently developed (narrow position = weak skeleton and little developed chest, broad position = dog skeleton, barrel chest).

Hindlegs are the "engine" of a dog. They must be strong and well-moved. Incorrect angling and position the limbs affect the quality of the Bohemian Shepherd.

A typical movement for Bohemian Shepherd is a low trot with the preservation of the unchanging line of the back. The movement must be dynamic, flexible and spacious. Movement must be a reflection of the right skeleton, angling, and it must also correspond to the nature of Bohemian Shepherd = temperament, endurance, toughness.

The tail must be richly covered, calm / position freely running, length reaching the hock. It's moving of the tail is carried to the level of the spine, the excitement slightly above the level of the back. However, the tail must not be screwed into ring, nor tug over the back. A chin dog shows up holding or holding the tail side down of the partition (formed by a hook). It is usually a longer tail, but this is an undesirable feature.

The coat of the dog is long with an undercoat (moderate pens and a shorter softer undercoat). The length of the coat is 5-12 cm, glossy, straight or slightly wavy. The neck and chest can be open, not like the others areas close to the body. On the tail, the back of the chest and pelvic limbs, the coat is long and forms the flags. **The right perfectionist type of Bohemian Shepherd ephasizes a rich coat of throat (mane) and sufficiently coated ear.**

The coloring of the dog is black with deep yellow / black and tan, **where the black should be beautifully dark anthracite black color and features rich (ideally fiery orange), clearly and bounded.**

The layout of the characters indicates the standard of the breed (they are expressed - on the edges and inside the ear, - above the eyes, - on the cheeks from where they flow smoothly to the throat where they form the characteristic shape of the half moon, - on the chest, - on the chest, taking chest signs are separated from the throat, - at the forelegs to the elbow, - at the pelvic limbs, on the inside and back of the thigh and from the toe to the hock, - around the anus hole. (They can also be developed on the underside of the chest, abdomen and tail, may miss the back thigh side).

It is desirable that when judging the judges can clearly see min. from 5 m, whether dog has characters in all parts. In particular, the characters on the cheeks, above the eyes and under the neck must be clearly distinct. Characters at the same time however, in individual parts, they must not merge into one unit (they must be separated).



The layout of the characters – from the left : standard, the ideal - few significant characters - unlimited characters - characters missing in some parts without a mask

Ideal Bohemian Shepherd representative

..... A smaller sheep dog with a firm skeleton, with energetic expression and vitality, but disciplined. From first view distinct from other recognized sheep breeds. Therefore, the assessor must be based on the ideal height required by the standard, to observe the required constitution (wide chest, good ossellation, sufficient strong limbs correct in position and movement), prefer good coat and especially the desired pattern heads. The Bohemian Shepherd must have a slightly shorter muzzle over the skull, the head must not be narrow, the ear is relatively short, well carried and richly coated.



Bohemian Shepherd correct ratio and position



Standard breed representatives



Bohemian Shepherd typical model

ANNEX

- - Standard of Bohemian Shepherd
- - Video from 1. Europe exhibition 2016 -
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4YZoa>

