

## Kennel Club Breed and Breed Standard announcements

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### 1. Amendments to Breed Standards

Breed Standards have been amended as follows. The current versions are available on the Kennel Club website.

#### Japanese Spitz

**Gait/Movement** Light, nimble, active, energetic and very smooth. Straight coming and going, viewed from side, effortless, brisk action.

**Hindquarters** Well-proportioned and balanced. Muscular, moderately angulated. Hindlegs parallel to each other when viewed from rear. Rear pasterns vertical from hock to heel.

#### Retriever Labrador

**Colour** The only correct colours are wholly black, yellow and liver/chocolate. Yellows range from light cream to fox red, livers/chocolates range from light to dark. Small white spot on chest and the rear of front pasterns permissible.  
ANY OTHER COLOUR OR COMBINATION OF COLOURS NOT PERMITTED.

#### Spaniel (Field) colour

**Colour** Black, black and tan, blue roan, blue roan and tan, liver, liver and tan, liver roan, liver roan and tan. **In solid-coloured dogs, white or roan on chest is permissible.** **All other colours, including clear black and white, clear liver and white, orange, red, golden or sable highly undesirable.**

#### Cirneco dell'Etna

**General Appearance** Medium sized hunting dog. Elegant, slender build, but strong and robust. Alert, upright ears. Long limbed, of light construction and square outline.

**Head and Skull** Skull moderately narrow, in profile almost flat. Top of skull and foreface parallel or slightly divergent. Foreface lean and well chiselled. Slight stop. Flat cheeks. Length of muzzle equal to or only slightly less than length of skull. Bridge of nose straight. Nose rather large, flesh coloured, blending with coat.

**Eyes** Relatively small, oval in shape, semi-lateral position. Amber or ochre, blending with coat colour. Eye rim pigmentation matching nose.

**Ears** Set very high and close together, erect, rigid and parallel when alert. Triangular shape with narrow tip. Length not more than half the head.

**Mouth** Perfect, regular and complete scissor bite i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to jaws. Lower jaw not prominent. Thin, taut lips.

**Tail** Low set, fairly thick at base, reaching to point of hock. Of equal thickness for most of its length. Carried high and gently curved but never over the back, when dog is in action; in repose the tail hangs down in a gentle curve. Hair on tail is slightly longer than on body, but not feathered.

**Coat** Short on head, ears and legs. Short to moderate length (2.5 cms (1in)) on body, but sleek and close, ranging from fine to slightly harsh. No feathering.

**Colour** Self-coloured. Light to dark tan. Tan with a mixture of slightly lighter and darker hairs allowed. White markings allowed on chest, toes, head, foreface and tip of tail. Pigmentation in keeping with coat colour. Deep mahogany colour undesirable.

**Size** Ideal height at shoulder : Dogs 46-50 cms (18 ¼ - 19 ½ ins); Bitches 44-48 cms (17 ¼ - 19 ins).

## **French Bulldog**

**Head and Skull** Head square in appearance and in proportion to dog's size. Skull nearly flat between ears, domed forehead. The skin covering the skull and forehead should be supple enough to allow fine wrinkling when the dog is alert. Well defined muzzle, that can clearly be viewed in profile broad, deep and set back, muscles of cheeks well developed. Stop well defined. Lower jaw deep, square, broad, slightly undershot and turned up. Nose black and wide, relatively short, with visibly open nostrils and line between well defined. Lips black, thick, meeting each other in centre, completely hiding teeth. Upper lip covers lower on each side with plenty of cushion, never so exaggerated as to hang too much below level of lower jaw.

**Eyes** Preferably dark and matching. Moderate size, round, neither sunken nor prominent, showing no white when looking straight forward; set moderately wide apart and on same level as the stop.

**Neck** Powerful, well arched, of moderate length.

**Tail** Undocked, set low, thick at root, tapering quickly towards tip, preferably straight, and long enough to cover anus. Never curling over back nor carried gaily.

## **Dachshund**

**General Appearance** Moderately long in proportion to height, with no exaggeration. Compact, well-muscled body, with enough ground clearance, not less than one quarter of the height at the withers, to allow free movement. Height at the withers should be half the length of the body, measured from breastbone to the rear of thigh. Bold, defiant carriage of head and intelligent expression.

**Characteristics** Intelligent, lively, courageous to the point of rashness, obedient. Especially suited to going to ground because of low build, very strong forequarters and forelegs. Long, strong jaw, and immense power of bite and hold. Excellent nose, persevering hunter and tracker. Essential that functional build, size and proportions ensure working ability.

**Head and Skull** Long, appearing conical when seen from above; viewed from the side, tapering uniformly to tip of nose. Skull only slightly arched. Neither too broad nor too narrow, sloping gradually without prominent stop into slightly arched muzzle. Length from tip of nose to eyes equal to length from eyes to occiput. In Wire haired, particularly, ridges over eyes strongly prominent, giving appearance of slightly broader skull. Lips closely fitting, neatly covering lower jaw.

**Forequarters** Shoulder blades long, broad, and placed firmly and obliquely (45 degrees to the horizontal) upon robust rib cage. Upper arm the same length as shoulder blade, set at 90 degrees to it, very strong, and covered with hard, supple muscles. Upper arm lies close to ribs, but able to move freely. Forearm short and strong in bone, inclining inwards, forming a slight crook which fits neatly around the chest. When seen in profile, forearm moderately straight, must not bend forward or knuckle over, which indicates unsoundness. Correctly placed foreleg should cover the lowest point of the keel, with ground clearance never less than one quarter of the height at the withers.

**Body** Moderately long and full muscled. Sloping shoulders, back reasonably level, blending harmoniously between withers and slightly arched loin. Withers and quarters of approximately the same height. Loin short and strong. Breastbone strong, and so prominent that a depression appears on either side of it in front. When viewed from front, thorax full and oval; when viewed from the side or above, full volumed, so allowing by its ample capacity complete development of heart and lungs. Ribs extending well back with good length of sternum. Underline gradually merging into line of abdomen. Body sufficiently clear of ground to allow free movement.

**Hindquarters** Rump full, broad and strong, pliant muscles. Croup long, full, robustly muscled, only slightly sloping towards tail. Pelvis strong, set obliquely and not too short. Upper thigh set at right angles to pelvis, strong and of good length. Lower thigh short, set at right angles to upper thigh and well-muscled. Viewed from the rear, hind legs straight and parallel, neither close nor wide apart.

**Tail** Continues line of spine, but slightly curved, without kink or twist, not carried above the topline, or touching ground when at rest.

**Faults** Any departure from the foregoing points, including desired body condition, should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog as well as its ability to perform its traditional work.

## **Dobermann**

**Ears** Small, neat, set high on head, dropped and lying close to the cheeks.

## **Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)**

**Head and Skull** Broad, skull relatively flat between the ears. A ratio of one third muzzle/two thirds skull. Strong muzzle with good width allowing for correct dentition. Head carried proud and high, well defined stop. Nose dark: black or brown according to coat colour.

**Eyes** Round, dark, relatively large and intelligent with good width between eyes. Unbroken pigmentation of eye rims, pigment in accordance with coat colour.

**Ears** Set on level with eye. Pendant, of moderate length and well fringed.

**Mouth** Jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Dark pigmentation of lips.

**Forequarters** Shoulders well laid. Forelegs straight with round bone, not too fine. Good width of fore chest. Elbows held close to chest.

**Body** Short, strong and well proportioned. Level topline. Ribs well sprung and carried well back. Chest well let down to elbows. Strong short loin with moderate tuck up.

**Tail** Medium length, set slightly below the level of the topline\*, clipped with tuft of hair to resemble a plume. Elegantly arched over the back, only the plume should touch the back when standing or moving.

**Colour** Any colour or combinations of colours permissible. Merle is not acceptable.

**Coat** Fairly long, wavy, never curly. Single coat of silky texture. Coat to be shown in its natural state without scissoring or sculpting apart from the traditional Lion Clip, i.e. clipped to the last rib.

(Amendments/additions underlined)

## **2. New Breed Standards**

An interim breed standard for the **Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Faced)** was published on 1 October 2021.

A breed standard for the **Harrier** was published on 1 October 2021.

## **3. New breed recognition**

The Pyrenean Sheepdog (Smooth Faced) was recognised by the Kennel Club from 1 April 2021 and included on the Imported Breed Register in the Pastoral Group.

## **4. Transfer of Breed from Imported Breed Register to Breed Register**

The Bavarian Mountain Hound transferred from the Imported Breed Register to the Breed Register with effect from 1 April 2022.