

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight, set well under body.

Shoulder : Well laid back and muscular.

Upper arm : Upper arm and shoulder blade approximately equal in length.

Metacarpus (Pastern) : Strong.

Forefeet : Round, tight with well-arched toes.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong, muscular.

Stifle : Moderate turn of stifle.

Hock : Well let down and well bent.

Hind feet : Round, tight with well-arched toes.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Effortless, powerful gait with good extension and drive. Parallel movement. At speed, legs tend to converge.

COAT

Hair : Body coat a thick mass of small tight, crisp curls lying close to skin, extending from occiput to tip of tail; without undercoat or bare patches. Elsewhere smooth hair.

COLOUR : Black or liver.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :

Ideal height at withers: Dogs: 67,5 cm (27 ins),

Bitches : 62,5 cm (25 ins).

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points 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 **and on its ability to perform its traditional work.**

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

N.B.: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.