GOLDEN RETRIEVER

ORIGIN : Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION : Gundog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group   8   Retrievers, Flushing
                                        Dogs, Water Dogs.
                         Section 1   Retrievers.
                         With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Symmetrical, balanced, active, powerful, level mover; sound with kindly expression.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Biddable, intelligent and possessing natural working ability; kindly, friendly and confident.

HEAD : Balanced and well chiselled.

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Broad without coarseness; well set on neck.
Stop : Well defined.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose : Preferably black.
Muzzle : Powerful, wide and deep. Length of foreface approximately equals length from stop to occiput.
Jaws/Teeth : Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
Eyes : Dark brown, set well apart, dark rims.
Ears : Moderate size, set on approximate level with eyes.

NECK : Good length, clean and muscular.

BODY : Balanced.
Back : Level topline.
Loins : Strong, muscular, short-coupled.
Chest : Deep through heart. Ribs deep, well sprung.

TAIL : Set on and carried level with back, reaching to hocks, without curl at tip.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight with good bone.
Shoulder : Well laid back, long in blade.
Upper arm : Of equal length as the shoulder blade, placing legs well under body.
Elbow : Close fitting.
Forefeet : Round and cat-like.

HINDQUARTERS : Hindlegs strong and muscular.
Stifle : Well bent.
Lower thigh : Good.
Hock : Well let down, straight when viewed from rear, neither turning in nor out. Cow-hocks highly undesirable.
Hind feet : Round and cat-like.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Powerful with good drive. Straight and true in front and rear. Stride long and free with no sign of hackney action in front.

COAT

Hair : Flat or wavy with good feathering, dense water-resisting undercoat.

COLOUR : Any shade of gold or cream, neither red nor mahogany. A few white hairs on chest only, permissible.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :
Height at withers :   Dogs   56 - 61 cm (22-24 ins);
                        Bitches   51 - 56 cm (20-22 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 behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

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