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DEERHOUND

ORIGIN : Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION : Racing dog, hunting dog, companion.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 10 Sighthounds.
Section 2 Rough-haired
Sighthounds.
Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Resembles a roughcoated greyhound of larger size and bone.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : The build suggests the unique combination of speed, power and endurance necessary to pull down a stag, but general bearing is one of gentle dignity. Gentle and friendly. Obedient and easy to train because eager to please. Docile and good tempered, never suspicious, aggressive or nervous. Carries himself with quiet dignity.

HEAD : Long.

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Flat rather than round, with very slight rise over eyes. Broadest at ears, tapering slightly to eyes. Skull coated with moderately long hair, softer than rest of coat.

Stop : No stop.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Slightly aquiline and black.

Muzzle : Tapering more decidedly to nose. In lighter coloured dogs black muzzle preferred.

Lips : Level. Good moustache of rather silky hair and some beard.

Jaws/Teeth : Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to jaws.

Eyes : Dark. Generally dark brown or hazel. Light eyes undesirable. Moderately full with a soft look in repose, but keen, far-away look when dog is roused. Rims black.

Ears : Set on high and in repose folded back. In excitement raised above head without losing the fold and in some cases semi-erect. A big thick ear hanging flat to the head or a prick ear most undesirable. Ear soft, glossy and like a mouse's coat to the touch; the smaller the better, no long coat or fringe. Ears black or dark coloured.

NECK : Very strong with good reach sometimes disguised by mane. Nape of neck very prominent where head is set on, no throatiness.

BODY : Body and general formation that of a greyhound of larger size and bone.

Back : Flat topline undesirable.

Loin : Well arched and drooping to tail.

Croup : Drooping, broad and powerful.

Chest : Deep rather than broad, not too narrow and flat-sided.

TAIL : Long, thick at root, tapering and reaching almost to ground. When standing dropped perfectly straight down or curved. Curved when moving, never lifted above line of back. Well covered with hair; on upper side thick and wiry, on under side longer, and towards end a slight fringe is not objectionable. A curl or ring tail undesirable.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight, broad and flat.

Shoulders : Well laid, not too far apart. Loaded and straight shoulders undesirable.

Elbow and Forearm : Good breadth desirable.

HINDQUARTERS : With great length from hip to hock. Bone broad and flat.

Hips : Set wide apart.

Stifle : Well bent.

FEET : Compact and well knuckled. Nails strong.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Easy, active and true, with a long stride.

COAT

HAIR : Shaggy, but not overcoated. Woolly coat unacceptable. The correct coat is thick, close-lying, ragged; harsh or crisp to the touch. Hair on body, neck and quarters harsh and wiry about 7 cm (3 ins) to 10 cm (4 ins) long; that on head, breast and belly much softer. A slight hairy fringe on inside of fore- and hindlegs.

COLOUR : Dark blue-grey, darker and lighter greys or brindles and yellows, sandy-red or red fawns with black points. A white chest, white toes and a slight white tip to stern are permissible but the less white the better, since it is a self-coloured dog. A white blaze on head or white collar unacceptable.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :

Dogs : minimum desirable height at withers 76 cm (30 ins).
Weight about 45.5 kg (100 lbs).

Bitches : minimum desirable height at withers 71 cm (28 ins).
Weight about 36.5 kg (80 lbs).

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.**

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.