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URUGUAYAN CIMARRON

(Cimarrón Uruguayo)

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ORIGIN : Uruguay

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UTILIZATION : Excellent for herding, big game hunting and guard.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 2 Pinschers and Schnauzers,
Molossoid breeds, Swiss
Mountain and Cattle dogs.
Section 2.1 Molossoid, Dogue type.
Without working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY : The origin of the CIMARRÓN URUGUAYO is uncertain. It is known to be descended from the dogs introduced by the Spanish and Portuguese conquerors. These dogs left in the country crossed among themselves. Natural selection had as a result that only the fitter, the stronger and more clever individuals survived. This is how the Cimarrón was born. The inhabitants of the time, recognizing the value of these dogs, domesticated them and progressively began to use them successfully as guards of their estates and as herding dogs in their daily work with cattle.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS :

- Height at withers : length = 10 : 11
- Height at withers equal to height at croup.
- Muzzle only slightly shorter than skull (measured from the occiput to stop).
- Height to elbow same as from elbow to withers.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : The CIMARRÓN URUGUAYO is a medium sized dog of molossian type, strong, compact, with good bones, well muscled and agile.

TEMPERAMENT / BEHAVIOUR : Balanced, intelligent and of great courage.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Wider than long. Occiput slightly pronounced.

Stop : Moderate

FACIAL REGION :

Nose: Broad, black

Muzzle: Powerful. Medium width, only slightly shorter than skull.

Lips: Upper lip covers lower lip but is not hanging.

Jaws/Teeth: Jaws strong, powerful. Teeth strong, well aligned, complete bite. Scissor bite, i.e. upper incisors closely overlapping the lower incisors and set square to the jaws.

Cheeks: Well developed, not bulging.

Eyes: Medium size, almond shape, with inquisitive expression. Any shade of brown and in accordance with coat color, the darker the better. Eyelids tightly fitting eyeball and fully pigmented.

Ears: Medium size, medium set, triangular, dropping but not close to the cheeks. May be cropped, round in shape looking like puma ears, never more than half their length (except in countries where ear cropping is forbidden by law).

NECK : Strong, well muscled, not too long.

BODY :

Top line: Height at the withers is the same as height at the croup. Level or slightly saddle-backed.

Withers: Well defined.

Loin: Short, strong, slightly arched.

Croup: Of good length, broad, sloping at 30° on the horizontal.

Chest: Deep, reaching at least to the elbow. Broad and well developed.

Ribs well sprung, but not barrel shaped. Forechest well defined.

TAIL : Thick, medium set. Reaching the hock. At rest carried low. In motion carried horizontally or slightly upward.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : viewed from the front, straight and parallel.

Shoulder blade: Well laid back.

Upper arms: Same length as the shoulder blades.

Elbows: Neither turned in nor out.

Forearms: Straight. Strong bone.

Metacarpus (Pasterns): From the side, slightly sloping

Front feet: Oval shaped, well-knit toes. With strong pads

HINDQUARTERS : Well muscled and powerful, seen from behind straight and parallel.

Upper thighs : Well developed

Stifles : Well angulated.

Metatarsus (Rear Pasterns) : Firm, of medium length.

Hind feet: Cat feet, strong pads.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Effortless . With good reach in front and good drive behind. In movement, seen from the front and from behind, the legs are parallel, single tracking when speed increases.

SKIN: Thick and supple.

COAT

HAIR : Short, smooth, close to the body, with undercoat. Long hair will disqualify

COLOUR : Brindle or all shades of fawn, with or without mask. Fawns may have black shadings. White marks are allowed in the following places: underjaw, lower part of neck, forechest, abdomen and lower part of legs.

SIZE AND WEIGHT

Height at withers: Dogs: 58 to 61cm (2 cm. Tolerance)
Bitch: 55 to 58cm (2 cm. Tolerance)

Weight: Dogs 38 – 45 kg.
Bitches 33 – 40 kg.

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.

- Lips excessively pendulous at corners.
- Excessive dewlap.
- Cheeks too prominent.
- More than 2 PM1 missing

SEVERE FAULTS :

- White markings with the exception of those mentioned above.
- Clear departure from the important proportions.
- Absence of sexual dimorphism.
- Size under or over the stipulated height (including the tolerance).

ELIMINATING FAULTS :

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Long hair.
- Any colour not mentioned.
- Undershot.
- Overshot.
- Clear lack of type.

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.