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PICARDY SPANIEL

(Epagneul picard)

TRANSLATION : Mrs Kincaid.

ORIGIN : France.

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UTILIZATION : Pointing dog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 7 Pointing Dogs.
Section 1.2 Continental Pointing
Dogs, Spaniel type.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : A strong, broadbacked dog, well boned with strong limbs; gentle expression; head carriage gay and striking. Very well constructed forequarters.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Wide and rounded, prominent occiput; parietals flat.

Stop : Sloping to the muzzle, not at right angle.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Brown, medium sized, nicely rounded.

Muzzle : Long, sufficiently wide, tapering from the set on at the skull to the nose; very slightly arched in the middle part.

Lips : Of medium thickness, slightly let down, not hanging.

Eyes : Dark amber in colour, well opened; expression frank and friendly.

Ears : Set on rather low, framing the skull with beautiful wavy, silky hair.

NECK : Well let into the shoulders, muscular.

BODY : Haunch bones slightly lower than the withers.

Loin : Straight, not too long, wide and full.

Croup : Very slightly sloping, rounded.

Chest : Deep, sufficiently wide, reaching well down to elbow level.

Flanks : Flat, yet deep, though with a slight tuck-up.

TAIL : Set-on not too high. Hanging down in two slight curves, convex and concave. Not too long, furnished with lovely silky feathering.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs straight, well muscled, feathered.

Shoulders : Shoulder-blade rather long, somewhat upright, sufficiently muscled.

Upper arm : Well muscled.

Elbow : Well set.

HINDQUARTERS : Hindlegs well feathered down to the hock.

Haunches : Prominent, reaching to the level of the back and loins.

Upper thighs : Straight, long, broad, well muscled.

Hocks : Slightly bent.

Rear pastern : Straight.

FEET : Round, large, tight, with a little feathering between the toes.

SKIN : Rather fine and supple.

COAT

HAIR : Dense and not too silky; fine on head, slightly wavy on the body.

COLOUR : Grey mottling with brown patches on different parts of the body and root of tail. Most often marked with tan on head and limbs.

SIZE :

Height at the withers : 55 to 60 cm.

A tolerance up to 62 cm is accepted for males.

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.

- Head pear-shaped, too narrow.
- Skull too square, too narrow, too short.
- Stop at right angle.
- Nose black, pointed, pinched; split nose.
- Muzzle too short, too curved.
- Lips too thick, too short.
- Eyes too light, too deep set, level with the skull; slit eyes; vicious look.
- Ears narrow, short, set on too high, too curly or lack of silky hair.
- Neck too long, too thin, too short.
- Back too long, sunken.
- Loin too long, too narrow, too weak.
- Croup too sloping.
- Chest too narrow, not deep enough.
- Flanks too full, too deep, with excessive tuck-up.
- Tail carried in sabre-fashion, too long, too curled, set-on too high or too low.
- Forelegs without feathering, fine, tied at elbows or out at elbows.
- Shoulder blade short, too upright or too oblique, sloping too much backwards.
- Upper arm with weak bone.
- Pastern joint knuckling over.
- Haunches too low, too high, too close together.
- Upper thighs narrow, lack of feathering.
- Hocks too bent or cow-hocked.
- Feet narrow, flat or splayed.
- Skin too thick.
- Hair fine, silky, curly, or too short.
- Too much brown colour, patched with white or black.

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.