



FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (AISBL)

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FIELD SPANIEL

ORIGIN : Great-Britain.

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UTILIZATION : Flushing and retrieving dog. Ideal for rough shooting or companion for the country dweller. Not suitable for city.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing
Dogs, Water Dogs.
Section 2 Flushing Dogs.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Well balanced, noble, upstanding sporting spaniel, built for activity and endurance.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Unusually docile, active, sensitive, independent.

HEAD : Conveys the impression of high breeding, character and nobility.

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Well chiselled, occiput well defined, lean beneath eyes. A thickness here gives coarseness to whole head. Slightly raised eyebrows.

Stop : Moderate.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Well developed with good open nostrils.

Muzzle : Long and lean, neither snipy nor squarely cut. In profile curving gradually from nose to throat.

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 : Wide open but almond-shaped with tight lids showing no haw. Grave and gentle expression. Dark hazel in colour.

Ears : Moderately long and wide, set low and well feathered.

NECK : Long, strong and muscular enabling dog to retrieve his game without undue fatigue.

BODY :

Back and loin : Strong, level and muscular.

Chest : Deep and well developed. Ribs moderately well sprung. Length of rib cage is two-thirds of the body length.

TAIL : Previously customarily docked. Set on low. Never carried above level of back. Nicely feathered, with lively action.

Docked: Docked by one third.

Undocked: Reaches approximately to the hocks. Of moderate length in balance with the rest of the dog.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Legs of moderate length. Straight, flat bone.

Shoulder : Long and sloping and well laid back.

Forefeet : Tight, round with strong pads and not too small.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong, muscular.

Stifle : Moderately bent.

Hock : Well let down.

Hind feet : Tight, round with strong pads and not too small.

GAIT/MOVEMENT : Long, unhurried stride with great drive from the rear. Short, stumping action undesirable.

COAT

Hair : Long, flat, glossy and silky in texture. Never curly, short or wiry. Dense and weatherproof. Abundant feathering on chest, under body and behind legs, but clean from hock to ground.

COLOUR : Black, liver or roan. Any one of these with tan markings. In self-coloured dogs white or roan on chest permissible. Clear black/ white or liver/ white unacceptable.

SIZE AND WEIGHT : Approximately 45.7 cm (18 ins) at the withers.

Weight: between 18-25 kg (40-55 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 **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.