



FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (AISBL)

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WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL

ORIGIN : Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION : Flushing dog.

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Symmetrical, compact, not leggy, obviously built for endurance and hard work. Quick and active mover, displaying plenty of push and drive.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Very ancient and distinct breed of pure origin. Strong, merry and very active. Kindly disposition, not showing aggression or nervousness.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Of proportionate length, slightly domed. Well chiselled below eyes.

Stop : Clearly defined.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Flesh coloured to dark, nostrils well developed.

Muzzle : Of medium length, straight, fairly square.

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

Eyes : Hazel or dark, medium size, neither prominent, nor sunken, not showing haw.

Ears : Set moderately low and hanging close to cheeks. Comparatively small and gradually narrowing towards tip and shaped somewhat like a vine leaf.

NECK : Long, muscular, clean in throat, neatly set into sloping shoulders.

BODY : Not long, strong and muscular. Length of body should be proportionate to length of legs.

Loin : Muscular and slightly arched. Well coupled.

Chest : Deep brisket, well sprung ribs.

TAIL : Previously customarily docked. Well set on and low, never carried above level of back. Lively in action.

Undocked: Feathered. In balance with the rest of the dog.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Forelegs of medium length, straight, well boned.

Forefeet : Round, with thick pads. Firm and cat-like, not large or spreading.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong and muscular, wide and fully developed. Hindlegs well boned.

Stifle : Moderately angled, neither turning in nor out.

Second thigh : Deep.

Hock : Well let down.

Hind feet : Round, with thick pads. Firm and cat-like, not large or spreading.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : Smooth, powerful, ground covering action; driving from rear.

COAT

Hair : Straight or flat, silky texture, dense, never wiry or wavy. Curly coat highly undesirable. Forelegs and hindlegs above hocks moderately feathered, ears and tail lightly feathered.

COLOUR : Rich red and white only.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :

Approximate height : Dogs 48 cm (19 ins) at withers.
Females 46 cm (18 ins) at withers.

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.