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FRENCH TRICOLOUR HOUND

(Chien français tricolore)

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ORIGIN : France.

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UTILIZATION : Pack Hound for big game.

FCI CLASSIFICATION : Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds.
Section 1.1 Large sized Hounds.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Large pack hound, elegant, sufficiently well boned and muscled.

HEAD : Not too imposing, but quite elongated; occipital protuberance marked.

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Very slightly domed, skull quite developed.

Stop : More accentuated than in the Poitevin.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Black; open nostrils.

Muzzle : Straight, rather long and sometimes slightly arched.

Lips : More substantial than in the Poitevin, i.e. very slightly square.

Eyes : Big and brown, sometimes circled with black. Intelligent expression.

Leathers : Broader than those of the Poitevin, set at eye level, slightly curled, not too supple, preferably extending to the set-on of the nose or within two fingers of it.

NECK : Long, rather strong and sometimes with a slight trace of dewlap.

BODY :

Back : Sustained and solid.

Chest : Deep and well let down, at least as far down as the point of the elbows. Ribs long and not too flat.

Belly : Very slightly tucked up.

TAIL : Quite long, carried high and with elegance.

LIMBS :

FOREQUARTERS : Well positioned, broad and straight.

Shoulders : Long and close to the chest.

HINDQUARTERS :

Hips : Well laid, in harmony with the forequarters.

Thighs : Long, sufficiently muscled.

Hocks : Rather broad, low set, slightly bent.

FEET : Lean.

GAIT/MOVEMENT : Easy and light.

SKIN : Quite fine.

COAT

HAIR : Short and rather fine.

COLOUR : Tricolour, with black mantle more or less spread out. Tan preferably bright or even copper-taned. Neither blackend tan on the cheeks and on the lips nor blue or tan fleckings on the legs and on the body are to be sought after. The grizzled « wolf colour » is admitted.

SIZE : From 62 to 72 cm for the males and from 60 to 68 cm for the bitches.

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.

- Pink spots on the nose.
- Under-or overshot mouth.
- Light eyes.
- Leathers too flat, too short or set too high.
- Legs badly positioned or thin.
- Hocks too straight.
- Fat feet.
- Any apparent trace of English hound blood, especially in the head. "Smoky" coloured heads which indicate cross-breeding with the White and Black Hound and all other colours than those above mentioned.

ELIMINATING 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.