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RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN LAIKA
(Russko-Evropėiakaia Laika)

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ORIGIN : Russia.

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UTILIZATION : Multipurpose hunting dog, sledge- and draught dog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 5 Spitz and primitive Types.
Section 2 Nordic hunting dogs.
With working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY : The Russian-european Laika has been bred from the hunting Laiki of the northern zone of the European part of Russia. Apart from its main area of distribution the breed is widely spread in the middle and central zones of Russia. Since many years it is bred in large breeding kennels.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Medium size. Constitution clean and strong. Skeleton strong. Muscles well developed.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS : Index of format (length of the body x 100 : height at withers) in dogs 100-103, in bitches 100-105.

BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT : Lively.

HEAD : Not large.

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : In shape approaching an equilateral triangle.

FACIAL REGION :

Muzzle : Dry and pointed, with tight fitting lips.

Jaw/Teeth : Strong, white; scissor bite.

Eyes : Not large, oval, slanting, dark.

Ears : Mobile prick-ears, pointed at the end.

BODY :

Back : Strong, muscular.

Loins : Short, slightly arched.

Croup : Broad, not long, slightly sloping.

Chest : Deep, well developed.

Belly : Markedly tucked up.

TAIL : Either sickle or ring tail, carried over back or buttocks.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Legs straight. Well formed sloping shoulders. Pastern not long, slightly inclined.

HINDQUARTERS : Strong with good angulation of hocks. Lower thigh sufficiently long (a line, dropped vertically from the ischiadic tuberosity should run along the front part of the almost vertical metatarsus). Dewclaws should be removed.

FEET : Oval with strong, tight toes.

GAIT/MOVEMENT : Typical gait : gallop, alternating with short trot.

SKIN : Thick, without any folds.

COAT

HAIR : Harsh and straight with well developed undercoat. Short and close fitting on head and ears. Longer on neck, withers and shoulders. Forms beard on cheek-bones and a stand-off collar on neck. On the front side the limbs are covered with smooth close fitting hair, on the rear side it is somewhat longer, but does not form any feathering.

COLOUR : Black, grey, white, pepper and salt, dark with white patches, white with dark patches. Strong ticking on limbs and red colour are undesirable.

SIZE :

Height at the withers : For males : 52-58 cm.
For bitches : 50-56 cm.

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.

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.