

F.C.I. 1998 Standard

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Well balanced, sturdy, heavy coated.

CHARACTERISTICS

Gay and assertive.

TEMPERAMENT

Alert, steady but somewhat aloof with strangers.

HEAD & SKULL

Heavy head furnishings with good fall over the eyes, good whiskers and beard. Skull moderately narrow, falling away behind the eyes, not quite flat, but not domed or apple-headed. Straight foreface with medium stop. Nose black. Muzzle about 4 cm (1 1/2 ins), but not square; length from tip of nose roughly one third total length from nose to back of skull.

EYES

Dark. Medium size, frontally placed, oval, neither large, nor small and sunk. No white showing at base or top.

EARS

Pendant, heavily feathered.

MOUTH

Upper incisors close just behind lower, i.e. reverse scissor bite. Incisors in a broad and as straight a line as possible. Full dentition desirable.

NECK

Strong and well arched.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders well laid back. Forelegs straight, heavily furnished with hair.

BODY

Length from point of shoulders to point of buttocks greater than height at withers. Well ribbed. Level topline. Strong loin. Balanced and compact.

HINDQUARTERS

Well developed with good muscle. Good angulation. Heavily furnished with hair. Hocks when viewed from behind parallel and not too close together.

FEET

Round, cat-like with firm pads. Well feathered.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Free and jaunty.

TAIL

High set, carried well over back but not like a pot hook. Often a kink at end. Well feathered.

COAT

Top coat long, heavy, straight, hard neither wooly nor silky. Moderate undercoat.

COLOUR

Golden, sandy, honey, dark grizzle, slate, smoke, black, parti-colour, white or brown. All equally acceptable.

SIZE

Ideal height: 25.4 cm (10 ins) at shoulder for dogs; bitches slightly smaller. **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.

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently testicles fully descended into the scrotum.