

BEAGLE

GROUP: Hound

SIZE:

Height 12-15 in. Outside these ranges penalized to the extent of variance. Weight 18-30 lbs.

COAT:

Medium length; close, thick and hard. **Faults: Short, thin coat; soft coat.**

COLOR:

Any hound color permitted.

HEAD:

Fairly long and slightly domed. **Faults: Very flat skull, narrow across top; excess dome.**

Eyes: Large and set well apart. **Faults: Small eyes; terrier-like eyes.**

Ears: Low set, long enough to reach the tip of the nose when drawn forward; fine texture; reasonably broad; rounded at tip. **Faults: Short ears, set high, tendency to rise above point of origin.**

Muzzle: Medium length; straight and square cut; well proportioned to head.

Nose: Black and self-colored according to coat; large, open nostrils.

Lips: Black, no flews.

Bite: Scissor or level.

Neck: Medium length and strong; no folds of skin. **Faults: Thick, short, cloddy neck; throat showing dewlap and excessive folds of skin.**

BODY:

Short, muscular and strong back, with slightly arched loin. Level topline; Chest deep and broad but does not interfere with movement of shoulders. Ribs well sprung **Faults: Chest disproportionately wide or with lack of depth.**

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight, heavily boned, short and straight pasterns. Shoulders are muscular and sloping. **Faults: straight, upright shoulders**

Hind legs are strong with let-down stifles; firm hocks; hips and thighs strong and well muscled. **Faults: Forelegs out at elbows; knees knuckled over forward or bent backward; crooked legs. Hind legs with cowhocks or straight hocks; lack of muscle**

Feet: Round and firm, with full and hard pad. **Faults: long, open, or spreading feet.**

Tail: Set moderately high and carried with a slight curve, but not turned forward over the back; short as compared with the size of the hound; with brush. **Faults: long tail, excessively curved or inclined forward from the root; "rat" tail lacking brush.**

MOVEMENT:

Good reach, with well-balanced movement.

TEMPERAMENT:

Energetic, free-spirited, with good movement.

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Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard

Disqualifications:

Overbite or under bite.

Albinism.

Blue or light eyes.

Aggressive behavior.