

GERMAN WIREHAISED POINTER

GROUP: Sporting

SIZE:

Males, Ideally 24 to 26 inches; females, smaller but not under 22 inches. ***Serious fault*** Dogs considerably over or under specified heights to insure the working quality of the breed is maintained. Males, about 65 pounds; females, slightly smaller. **Correct size and overall balance and proportion are the basis of conformation and condition. Extremely thin or fat dogs are discouraged on the basis that under or overweight hampers the true working ability of the dog.**

COAT:

Coat is very harsh, of medium length, abundant, with close fitting undercoat. The coat is weather resistant and, to some extent, water repellent. Undercoat is dense enough in winter to insulate against cold, but so thin in summer as to be almost invisible. Distinctive outer coat is straight, harsh, wiry, and flat, lying close to the body, from one to two inches long—long enough to protect against rough cover, but not enough to hide the outline of the dog. Hair on the lower parts of the legs should be shorter. On skull, hair is naturally short and close fitting. Over shoulders and around tail, hair is very dense. Tail is nicely coated, but should not feather; strong, straight hair of eyebrows; medium length beard and whiskers. Liver hairs in liver and white dog may be shorter than the white hairs. While maintaining a harsh, wiry texture, the puppy coat may be shorter than the coat of an adult. ***Serious Faults: short, smooth coat; soft, wooly coat; excessively long coat; excessive grooming to present dog artificial in appearance***

COLOR & MARKINGS:

Liver and white, usually either liver and white spotted, liver roan, liver and white spotted with ticking and roaning of solid liver; head is liver, sometimes with a white blaze; ears are liver; black and white ticking/roan, with or without patches

HEAD:

Moderately long and broad with a medium stop; occipital bone not too prominent.

Muzzle: Fairly long, with nasal bones straight and broad, parallel to the top of the skull.

Eyes: Brown or dark hazel; bright and intelligent; oval; eyelids closing properly; overhung with medium length eyebrows.

Ears: Rounded but not too broad, hanging close to the head.

Nose: Dark brown with nostrils wide open. ***Fault: Spotted or flesh colored nose.***

Teeth & bite: Jaws are strong with a full complement of evenly set and properly intermeshing teeth. The incisors meet in a true scissors bite. ***Disqualification: Seriously overshot or undershot bite.***

NECK:

Strong; medium length; slightly arched; no dewlap

BODY:

Nearly square; a little longer than tall ten to nine in proportion; croup is wide and sufficiently long; loin is wide, taut, and slightly arched.

Topline: Firm, short back with no arch; straight, but shows a perceptible slope down from withers to croup.

Chest: Deep rather than wide, but not out of proportion to the rest of the body; roomy; ribs well sprung; never barrel shaped nor flat as in the hound; tuck up is apparent.

FOREQUARTERS:

Shoulders sloping, well-laid back; quite muscular; top of shoulder blades close; upper arm bones long between shoulder and elbow; elbows close to body; Forelegs are straight and lean, flat rather than round; strong, but not heavy or coarse; pasterns slightly sloping, almost straight, but not quite.

HINDQUARTERS:

Hips broad and wide, falling slightly towards the tail, angulation balancing that of the forequarters; thighs well muscled and strong. Stifles and hocks moderately angulated, parallel to each other when viewed from behind; pasterns nearly upright. Feet: Compact, closely knit; round-to-spoon shaped; webbed; high arched with toes close, heavily nailed, and quite strong; pads hard and thick; dewclaws are generally removed

Tail: Set high; carried at or above the horizontal when dog is alert; usually docked to 2/5 of original length.

MOVEMENT:

Should be evaluated at moderate gait; movement smooth, covering plenty of ground with each stride; driving hind action; topline should remain firm; elbows neither turning in nor out. **Fau**

It: Hackney action

TEMPERAMENT:

Sound, reliable temperament; friendly; intelligent, but can be aloof; loyal, affectionate companion; eager to please and enthusiastic to learn

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:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Seriously overshot bite or undershot bite.

Albinism