

VIZSLA

GROUP: Sporting

SIZE:

Ideal male is 22 to 24 inches, females 21-23 inches. Weight must be in proportion to height. More than 1 ½ inch over height is a serious fault. The Vizsla is a medium-coated hunting dog with a distinguished appearance and bearing. Robust but rather lightly built. **Brawny or sinewy muscular condition and honorable scars indicating a working hunting dog are never to be penalized.**

COAT:

Short, smooth, dense, close-lying; no woolly undercoat.

COLOR:

Solid golden rust in different shading is the acceptable color. The solid coat actually ranges from lighter on the chest and turning darker in a saddle marking down the back over the withers, on the base of the skull and to the nose. Small white spots on the chest and occasional white hairs on the toes are acceptable. White that is due to aging is not faulted. Solid dark mahogany red and pale yellow are faults. ***Solid white except on the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest is a disqualification. Serious fault: Any noticeable area of black in the coat.***

HEAD:

Lean and muscular; skull moderately wide between the ears with a median line down the forehead. Moderate but not deep stop. In profile the muzzle square and deep tapering gradually from the stop to the tip of the nose and is of equal length to, or slightly shorter than, the skull. The muzzle should not turn up as in a dish face, nor turn down. Whiskers serve a useful purpose, and their removal is not preferred. The jaws are strong. Lips completely cover the jaws and are never loose nor pendulous. ***Faults: Muzzle turning up or down.***

Eyes: Medium sized and set moderately deep. Surrounding tissue covers the whites of the eyes. Eye color blends with coat color. ***Yellow or any other color is a fault as are prominent pop-eyes. The lower lids should be neither entropic nor ectopic, as these conditions allow seeds and dust to irritate the eye.***

Ears: Thin, silky, proportionately long with rounded leather ends; set fairly low, hanging close to the cheeks.

Nose: The nose is brown, ***with any other color a fault (with the exception of solid black, which is a disqualification).*** The nostrils are slightly open.

NECK:

Moderately long, strong, smooth, clean, devoid of dewlap, and muscular; arched and broadens nicely into moderately laid-back shoulders. This type of neck and set of shoulders balances the moderately-angled hind-quarters.

Bite: Well developed white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

BODY:

Strong and well proportioned. Moderately broad, deep chest reaches to the elbows. Ribs are well-sprung with a slight tuck-up beneath the loin. ***Serious faults: Roached backline; shallow chest; straight shoulders. Topline is short, slightly rounded over the loin and the set-on of the tail, with the withers higher.***

FOREQUARTERS:

Long shoulder blades moderately laid back and fairly close at the top. Forelegs are muscular and straight with elbows close. Dewclaws are to be removed from the forelegs.

HINDQUARTERS:

Not excessively wide viewed from the rear. Hind legs, viewed from the back, are straight with well-developed thighs. The stifles and hocks are moderately angulated in harmony with the moderately angulated forequarters. Hocks are let down, and the rear pasterns are parallel to each other. Dew claws are to be removed. **Faults: too wide a rear; too narrow a rear. Too much hock angulation or too little.**

Feet: Cat-like feet are round and compact. Close toes have short, brown nails with thick and rough pads.

Tail: Docked, with about one-third being taken off; set on just below the level of the croup, carried at or near the horizontal; thicker at the root, reaching to the back of the stifle joint.

MOVEMENT:

One of the most important qualities of the Vixsla, the movement is far reaching, light-footed, graceful and smooth; As speed increases the properly built dog single tracks. **Faults: Side-winding; crabbing.**

TEMPERAMENT:

A natural hunter displaying a good nose and above average trainability. Lively, gentle mannerd, affectionate and sensitive, the Vixsla must also be fearless with a well developed protective instinct.

Faults: Shyness, timidity, or nervousness

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:

Completely black nose

Solid white extending above the toes.

Massive areas of white on the chest or anywhere else on the body.

White extending on the shoulders or neck.

A distinctly long coat.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid