

PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN

GROUP: Hound

SIZE:

Both males and females weight between 25 and 45 pounds, with a mature male of 15 inch height weighting no more than approximately 45 pounds. Both males and females measure 13-15 inches at the withers. ***Serious Fault: Height, measured at the withers, of more than 15 ½ inches.***

COAT:

Double coated; rough, long and without exaggeration, and harsh to the touch; undercoat is shorter and thicker; coat is never silky or wooly. The overall appearance of the coat is casual and tousled; eyes surmounted by long, forward-standing eyebrows that do not obscure the eyes; ears covered with long hair; lips covered by long hair forming a beard and mustache; well-furnished tail. The PBGV is to be shown untrimmed, in as natural a state as possible. ***Serious faults: Any indications of scissoring for the purposes of shaping or sculpting.***

COLOR:

Various shades of orange, gray, tawny, or black & tan, usually as spots on white background.

HEAD:

Size must be in balance with overall dog; head length is more than width in approximate ratio of 2:1; head is carried proudly; clearly defined stop. ***Faults: Coarse, overly large head.***

Muzzle: Slightly shorter than distance measured from stop to occiput; well-developed strong underjaw; lips covered with long hair forming a beard and mustache.

Skull: Domed skull, oval in shape when viewed from front; well cut away under eyes; well-developed occiput.

Eyes: Large, dark eyes showing no white; long, forward-standing eyebrows surmount, but do not obscure, the eyes; lower eyelids are tight, ***showing no haw.***

Ears: Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, set low, not above the line of the eyes; ears fold inward, ending in oval shape, with leathers reaching almost to the end of the nose. ***Faults:*** Ears overly long; high-set ears.

Nose: Large with wide nostrils; black, but a little lighter shade is acceptable in lighter-colored dogs.

Bite: Full complement of large, strong, white teeth meeting in scissors bite; level bite is acceptable.

NECK:

Long, strong, and clean, flowing smoothly into shoulders.

BODY:

Muscular, somewhat longer than tall; viewed from the side, the distance measured from withers to ground and from the croup to ground should be equal; slight arch over the strong, muscular loin. Topline is level. Chest is deep with moderately rounded ribs extending well back and a prominent sternum.

FOREQUARTERS:

Clean shoulders, well laid back; upper arm approximately equal in length to shoulder blade; elbows close to body; well-boned forelegs; length of forelegs, measured from elbow to ground, is slightly less than half the height measured from withers to ground; viewed from front, forelegs should be straight, but slight crook is acceptable; strong pasterns, sloping slightly.

HINDQUARTERS:

Strong and muscular; hind legs exhibit good bend of stifle; well-defined second thigh; well-angulated hocks; short rear pasterns perpendicular from hock to ground.

Feet: Not too long with hard and tight pads; strong and short nails; slight turnout of front feet is acceptable, but hind feet must point straight ahead; dewclaws should be removed.

Tail: Medium length, set on high; strong at base, tapering evenly; only slightly curved; carried proudly like the blade of a saber, at about 20 degrees to aft of vertical; tip reaches approximately to hock joint when curved downward; well furnished with hair.

MOVEMENT:

Free at all speeds, giving impression of an active hound, capable of a full day's hunting; straight front action, reaching well forward; viewed from rear, hind legs are parallel, and have great drive; dog single tracks as speed increases.

TEMPERAMENT:

Bold and vivacious in character with an alert outlook; friendly and intelligent; happy, extroverted and independent, yet willing to please.

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.

Albinism.