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**FCI-Standard N° 55**

**PULI**



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**ORIGIN:** Hungary.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL VALID STANDARD:** 29.10.2013.

**UTILIZATION:** Herding dog.

**F.C.I.-CLASSIFICATION:** Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs  
(Except Swiss Cattle Dog).  
Section 1 Sheepdogs.  
Without working trial.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The Puli is a Hungarian herding breed of Asiatic origin. His original ancestors most probably came to the Carpathian Basin with the migrating ancient Magyars, who lived as nomads on stock-breeding.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Dog of medium size with strong constitution, square build and fine, but not too light bones. The somewhat lean body is well muscled all over. The construction of the individual body parts is difficult to judge, as the whole body is covered by a strongly developed coat, tending to form curls and cords. It is therefore useful to touch the dog when judging. The coat on the head is so profuse that the head appears round and the eyes are **almost** covered. The profusely coated tail, curled forward over the back, gives the appearance of the topline rising slightly towards the rear.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:**

The body length is equal to the height at the withers.

The depth of the brisket is slightly less than half of the height at the withers.

The length of the muzzle is one third of the total length of the head.

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT:** Of lively temperament, extremely able to learn. Loves children and is an excellent watchdog. His present shape has adapted him to sporting use.

**HEAD:** Seen from the front, round, seen from the side appears to be elliptic.

**CRANIAL REGION:**

**Skull:** Small and fine. Superciliary ridges strongly developed.

**Stop:** Barely developed.

**FACIAL REGION:**

**Nose:** Rather small, black.

**Muzzle:** Not pointed; bridge of nose straight.

**Lips:** Taut, with dark pigmentation.

**Jaws/Teeth:** Complete scissor bite according to the dentition formula (42 teeth).

**EYES:** Of medium size, dark brown, set in slightly oblique and medium wide apart. The expression is lively and intelligent. Rims of lids close-fitting to the eyeball and well pigmented.

**EARS:** Set on at medium height with broad base. The pendant leathers V-shaped with rounded tips.

**NECK:** Of medium length, taut, well muscled. Forms an angle of about 45 degrees to the horizontal and is covered by dense coat.

**BODY:**

**Topline:** Straight. Giving the impression of rising slightly towards the rear because of the tail carriage.

**Withers:** Only slightly projecting from the topline.

**Back:** Of medium length, straight, dry and muscular.

**Loin:** Very strongly muscled, short.

**Croup:** Short, slightly sloping.

**Chest:** Deep, long with well arched ribs.

Underline and belly: Gradually rising towards rear.

**TAIL**: Set on at medium height and carried in a flat curl over the croup. Well covered by dense coat. When stretched out, it reaches to the hocks.

## **LIMBS**

### **FOREQUARTERS**:

**Shoulder**: Shoulder blade sloping, tightly fitting to the brisket. A vertical line from the withers touches the front part of the chest at its deepest point. The angle between shoulder blade and upper arm is 100 to 110 degrees.

**Upper Arm**: Medium long, well muscled.

**Elbow**: Lying closely to the brisket. Angle between upper arm and forearm: 120 to 130 degrees.

**Forearm**: Long, straight, with dry muscles.

**Forefeet**: Short, rounded, tight with well-knit toes. Nails black or dark slate grey. Pads dark in colour and springy. Feet parallel, pointing forward and medium wide apart.

### **HINDQUARTERS**:

**General appearance**: The legs are medium wide apart and parallel. The angle between pelvis and upper thigh is about 100 to 110 degrees.

**Thigh**: Long and well-muscled.

**Stifle (Knee)**: Angulation of stifle joint 100 to 110 degrees.

**Lower thigh**: Long and well-muscled.

**Hock joint**: Dry, clean-cut.

**Metatarsus (Rear pastern)**: Short.

**Hind feet**: **Not as tight and well-knit as** front feet, otherwise similar.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT**: Very lively and spirited. Steps short. The gait is often typically mincing and jumping. The dog has a tendency to spin round himself.

**SKIN:** Without wrinkles, tight, with strong pigment. The bare skin is black or slate grey in all coat colours.

### **COAT**

**Hair:** The puppy coat is dense, wavy or curly. Later, there are tufts of hair developing to tassels and cords. The coat consists of a coarser top coat and a finer undercoat. The relation between these two types of hair determines the character of the coat. If the topcoat highly predominate the undercoat, the coat structure is untypical and the coat sticks slightly out. If the undercoat is too highly predominant – which is undesirable – this results in a matted coat of too soft texture, difficult to groom. The correct proportion between the two types of hair, which is genetically fixed, produces the aesthetical tassels or cords, which are easy to groom. The cords on the loin and the croup and at the back of the upper thighs are longest (20–30 cm). They are shortest on the head and at the limbs (10-12 cm). Coat on head is ideal when the hair forms a strong structure of cords covering the facial region. Both a combed out and a neglected, tousled coat are undesirable.

### **Colour:**

Black.

Black with few rusty coloured or grey shadings.

Fawn (fakó) with a distinct black mask.

### **Grey in any shade.**

A white patch at the forechest, not exceeding 3 cm in diameter, is permitted. White between the toes is not regarded as a fault.

Pearl white **coat**, without any russet gold (semmelblond).

### **SIZE AND WEIGHT:**

#### **Height at the withers:**

Males: 39–45 cm. Ideal height: 41–43 cm.

Females: 36–42 cm. Ideal height: 38–40 cm.

**Weight:** Males: 13–15 kg. Females: 10–13 kg.

**FAULTS:** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault is regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog **and its ability to perform its traditional work.**

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.
- One or more missing teeth (incisors, canines, premolars 2-4, molars 1-2. More than two missing PM1. The M3 are disregarded.
- Over- or undershot **bite**, wry mouth.
- Tail carried in sickle shape or horizontally.
- Short **or** smooth **coat**, separately growing hairs.
- Faults in colour. Undesired markings and patches.
- Size deviating from the limits mentioned in the standard.

**N.B.:**

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation, should be used for breeding.

**The latest amendments are in bold characters.**

**The amendment regarding the coat colours will be valid as from 1/01/2014.**

# SURFACE ANATOMY

