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FCI-Standard N° 108

EPAGNEUL PICARD
(Picardy Spaniel)

ORIGIN: France.


UTILIZATION: Pointing dog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 7 Pointing Dogs.
Section 1.2 Continental Pointing Dogs, Spaniel type.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: A strong, broadbacked dog, well boned with strong limbs; gentle expression; head carriage gay and striking. Very well constructed forequarters.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Wide and rounded, prominent occiput; parietals flat.
Stop: Sloping to the muzzle, not at right angle.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Brown, medium sized, nicely rounded.
Muzzle: Long, sufficiently wide, tapering from the set on at the skull to the nose; very slightly arched in the middle part.
Lips: Of medium thickness, slightly let down, not hanging.

EYES: Dark amber in colour, well opened; expression frank and friendly.

EARS: Set on rather low, framing the skull with beautiful wavy, silky hair.

NECK: Well let into the shoulders, muscular.
**BODY**: Haunch bones slightly lower than the withers.
*Loin*: Straight, not too long, wide and full.
*Croup*: Very slightly sloping, rounded.
*Chest*: Deep, sufficiently wide, reaching well down to elbow level.
*Underline* and belly: Flanks flat, yet deep, though with a slight tuck-up.

**TAIL**: Set-on not too high. Hanging down in two slight curves, convex and concave. Not too long, furnished with lovely silky feathering.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS**:
*General appearance*: Forelegs straight, well muscled, feathered.
*Shoulder*: Shoulder-blade rather long, somewhat upright, sufficiently muscled.
*Upper arm*: Well muscled.
*Elbow*: Well set.
*Forefeet*: Round, large, tight, with a little feathering between the toes.

**HINDQUARTERS**:
*General appearance*: Hindlegs well feathered down to the hock.
*Haunches*: Prominent, reaching to the level of the back and loins.
*Upper thighs*: Straight, long, broad, well muscled.
*Hocks*: Slightly bent.
*Rear pastern*: Straight.
*Hind feet*: Round, large, tight, with a little feathering between the toes.

**SKIN**: Rather fine and supple.

**COAT**
*Hair*: Dense and not too silky; fine on head, slightly wavy on the body.
Colour: Grey mottling with brown patches on different pads of the body and root of tail. Most often marked with tan on head and limbs.

**SIZE:**

**Height at the withers:** 55 to 60 cm.
A tolerance up to 62 cm is accepted for males.

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

- Head pear-shaped, too narrow.
- Skull too square, too narrow, too short.
- Stop at right angle.
- Nose black, pointed, pinched; split nose.
- Muzzle too short, too curved.
- Lips too thick, too short.
- Eyes too light, too deep set, level with the skull; slit eyes; vicious look.
- Ears narrow, short, set on too high, too curly or lack of silky hair.
- Neck too long, too thin, too short.
- Back too long, sunken.
- Loin too long, too narrow, too weak.
- Croup too sloping.
- Chest too narrow, not deep enough.
- Flanks too full, too deep, with excessive tuck-up.
- Tail carried in sabre-fashion, too long, too curled, set-on too high or too low.
- Forelegs without feathering, fine, tied at elbows or out at elbows.
- Shoulder blade short, too upright or too oblique, sloping too much backwards.
- Upper arm with weak bone.
- Pastern joint knuckling over.
- Haunches too low, too high, too close together.
- Upper thighs narrow, lack of feathering.
- Hocks too bent or cow-hocked.
• Feet narrow, flat or splayed.
• Skin too thick.
• Hair fine, silky, curly, or too short.
• Too much brown colour, patched with white or black.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**
• Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
• Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.

**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.