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FCI-Standard N° 114

(EPAGNEUL DE PONT-AUDEMER)
(Pont-Audemmer Spaniel)
TRANSLATION: Mrs. Peggy Davis. Official language (FR).

ORIGIN: France.

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UTILIZATION: Pointing dog.

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Stocky and vigorous dog.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Round and developed at the top, occipital crest prominent; the parietals are rather round. The forehead rising towards the topknot which must be very curly and well placed on the top of the skull, leaving the forehead bare.
Stop: Forming a weak angle, although marked.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Brown, protruding perceptibly above the front of the lips, rather pointed.
Muzzle: Long, arched in the middle part.
Lips: Fine and slightly let down, making the muzzle rather pointed.

EYES: Dark amber or hazel, rather small, well set into the socket; kind and frank expression.
**EARS**: Medium thickness, flat, set on rather low in such a way as to keep them away from the cheeks; long and furnished with long silky very curly hair, joining the top knot to show a beautiful curly wig really framing the head.

**NECK**: A little arched, neat, well muscled, joining finely to the head and solidly to the shoulders.

**BODY**:  
*Back*: Straight or slightly convex.  
*Loin*: Quite short, broad, solid, muscular.  
*Croup*: Very slightly oblique.  
*Chest*: Deep, broad, going down fully to level of the elbow; ribs ong and protruding, the last rib close to the hip.  
*Underline and belly*: Flanks flat and a little raised.

**TAIL**: Set almost at the level of the loin line, carried quite straight, generally docked to one third of its length; thick at the base, well feathered with curly hair which should surround the tail completely. When the tail is not docked, it must be of medium length, carried a little curved.

**LIMBS**: The legs must be rather short, the dog being rather low to the ground, yet without falling into the Cocker type.

**FOREQUARTERS**:  
*Shoulder*: Strong, long, sloping, close at the point where they join the spinal column.  
*Upper arm*: Strong and muscled.  
*Forefeet*: Round, set true, furnished with long, curly hairs between the toes.

**HINDQUARTERS**:  
*Haunch*: Prominent and reaching the height of the back.  
*Thighs*: Straight, well let down, muscular, fleshy, with culottes. Point of buttock prominent.  
*Hock joint*: Broad and straight, without deviation either in or out.
Hocks: Rather short, furnished especially at the back with a curly fringe. Dewclaws to be avoided.

Hind feet: Round, set true, furnished with long, curly hairs between the toes.

**COAT**

Hair: Curly and slightly ruffled.

Colour: Brown, preferably brown and grey mottled, with dead leaf glints.

**SIZE:**

52 - 58 cm.

**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.

- Skull flat on the sides, forehead parallel to the muzzle; lack of topknot, topknot reaching to the superciliary arches or topknot formed by hanging hair.
- Stop forming a weak angle, although marked.
- Nose black, pale, dudley nose or round.
- Muzzle short or too convex.
- Lips thick, with flews.
- Eyes too light, set level with the head surface or too sunken. Look unfriendly or vicious.
- Ears thick, folded, too short, set too high, carried either forward or backward.
- Neck too heavy, flat on its top line, too thick in its junction with the head.
- Back long, narrow or hollow.
- Loin long, narrow or flat.
- Croup falling steeply away, too straight.
- Chest insufficiently let down, too round or hollow; ribs flat or too close together.
- Flanks too fleshy, too deep.
- Tail set too high or too low, too curved, carried sabre fashion with a plume.
- Shoulders short, straight, wide apart at the summit.
- Upper arm thin.
- Haunch low set.
- Thigh flat.
- Hock joints deviated, straight, too wide apart or too close together.
- Hocks long, oblique from back to front or deviating to the right or the left, without fringes.
- Feet narrow, much too broad, too hairy; fleshy pads.
- Coat too flat, too curly, too hard or too fine; topknot not curly or falling as in the Poodle.
- Colour black or black and white, presence of tan markings.

**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.