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FCI-Standard N° 126

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL

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ORIGIN: Great Britain.


UTILIZATION: Flushing dog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 8 Retrievers-Flushing Dogs-Water Dogs.
                    Section 2 Flushing Dogs.
                    With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Symmetrical, compact, not leggy, obviously built for endurance and hard work. Quick and active mover, displaying plenty of push and drive.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Very ancient and distinct breed of pure origin. Strong, merry and very active. Kindly disposition, not showing aggression or nervousness.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Of proportionate length, slightly domed. Well chiselled below eyes.
Stop: Clearly defined.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Flesh coloured to dark, nostrils well developed.
Muzzle: Of medium length, straight, fairly square.
Jaws/Teeth: Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES: Hazel or dark, medium size, neither prominent, nor sunken, not showing haw.
**EARS**: Set moderately low and hanging close to cheeks. Comparatively small and gradually narrowing towards tip and shaped somewhat like a vine leaf.

**NECK**: Long, muscular, clean in throat, neatly set into sloping shoulders.

**BODY**: Not long, strong and muscular. Length of body should be proportionate to length of legs.  
Loin: Muscular and slightly arched. Well coupled.  
Chest: Deep brisket, well sprung ribs.

**TAIL**: Previously customarily docked. Well set on and low, never carried above level of back. Lively in action.  
Undocked: Feathered. In balance with the rest of the dog.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS**:  
General appearance: Forelegs of medium length, straight, well boned.  
**Forefeet**: Round, with thick pads. Firm and cat-like, not large or spreading.

**HINDQUARTERS**:  
General appearance: Strong and muscular, wide and fully developed.  
Hindlegs well boned.  
Stifle: Moderately angled, neither turning in nor out.  
Second thigh: Deep.  
Hock: Well let down.  
**Hind feet**: Round, with thick pads. Firm and cat-like, not large or spreading.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT**: Smooth, powerful, ground covering action; driving from rear.
**COAT**  
Hair: Straight or flat, silky texture, dense, never wiry or wavy. Curly coat highly undesirable. Forelegs and hindlegs above hocks moderately feathered, ears and tail lightly feathered.

Colour: Rich red and white only.

**SIZE AND WEIGHT:**  
Approximate height:  
Dogs 48 cm (19 ins) at withers.  
Females 46 cm (18 ins) at withers.

**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 and on its ability to perform its traditional work.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**  
- Aggressive or overly shy.  
- 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.
SURFACE ANATOMY

foreground
eye
stop
nose bridge
nose
forehead
muzzle
upper jaw
chin
lower jaw
commissure of the lips / corner of the mouth
cheek
throat

skull
ear
naphe
neck
topline
shoulder
wither / top of shoulder

back
loin
croup / rump
set of tail

point of shoulder

prosternum / point of chest
upper arm
sternum / brisket
forearm
carpus / wrist
metacarpus / pastern
forefoot

elbow
belly
knee / stifle
flank
lower thigh

thigh (upper)
tail
point of the hock
metatarsus / hind pastern
hind foot