FCI-Standard № 219

CHIEN FRANÇAIS TRICOLORE
(French Tricolour Hound)
TRANSLATION: Mrs. Peggy Davis, revised by Dr. Paschoud. Official language (FR).

ORIGIN: France.


UTILIZATION: Pack Hound for big game.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds.
Section 1.1 Large sized Hounds.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Large pack hound, elegant, sufficiently well boned and muscled.

HEAD: Not too imposing, but quite elongated; occipital protuberance marked.

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Very slightly domed, skull quite developed.
Stop: More accentuated than in the Pointevin.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Black; open nostrils.
Muzzle: Straight, rather long and sometimes slightly arched.
Lips: More substantial than in the Pointevin, i.e. very slightly square.

EYES: Big and brown, sometimes circled with black. Intelligent expression.

EARS: Leathers broader than those of the Poitevin, set at eye level, slightly curled, not too supple, preferably extending to the set-on of the nose or within two fingers of it.
**NECK:** Long, rather strong and sometimes with a slight trace of dewlap.

**BODY:**
Back: Sustained and solid.
Chest: Deep and well let down, at least as far down as the point of the elbows. Ribs long and not too flat.
Underline and belly: Very slightly tucked up.

**TAIL:** Quite long, carried high and with elegance.

**LIMBS:**

**FOREQUARTERS:**
General appearance: Well positioned, broad and straight.
Shoulder: Long and close to the chest.
Forefeet: Lean.

**HINDQUARTERS:**
Hips: Well laid, in harmony with the forequarters.
Thighs: Long, sufficiently muscled.
Hocks: Rather broad, low set, slightly bent.
Hind feet: Lean.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT:** Easy and light.

**SKIN:** Quite fine.

**COAT**
Hair: Short and rather fine.

Colour: Tricolour, with black mantle more or less spread out. Tan preferably bright or even copper-tan ed. Neither blackend tan on the cheeks and on the lips nor blue or tan fleckings on the legs and on the body are to be sought after. The grizzled « wolf colour » is admitted.
**SIZE**: From 62 to 72 cm for the males and from 60 to 68 cm for the bitches.

**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.

- Pink spots on the nose.
- Under-or overshot mouth.
- Light eyes.
- Leathers too flat, too short or set too high.
- Legs badly positioned or thin.
- Hocks too straight.
- Fat feet.
- Any apparent trace of English hound blood, especially in the head. "Smoky" coloured heads which indicate cross-breeding with the White and Black Hound and all other colours than, those above mentioned.

**DIQUALIFYING 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.