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FCI-Standard N° 229

SRPSKI TROBOJNI GONIČ
(Serbian Tricolour Hound)
**TRANSLATION:** Mrs Pamela Jeans-Brown. Official language (FR).

**ORIGIN:** Serbia.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL VALID STANDARD:** 26.11.2002.

**UTILISATION:** Scent hound.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION:** Group 6 Scent hounds and related breeds
Section 1.2 Medium sized scent hounds
With working trial.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The tricoloured scent hound has the same origins as the other Balkan scent hounds. In 1946 the theory that this breed was merely a variety of the Serbian scent hound was refuted; it was granted breed status and a first standard was drawn up. This breed was shown to cynological circles at the Belgrade International Dog Show on June 7th and 8th 1950. The F.C.I. recognised the breed and published the standard for the tricoloured Yugoslav scent hound on July 25th, 1961.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Medium sized dog of robust constitution. Full of character, it is lively and energetic.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:**
- Length of body measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock is 10% greater than height at withers.
- Length of head corresponds to 45% of the height at withers.

**BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT:** Devoted, kind, lively temperament; dependable, showing remarkable tenacity.
**HEAD:** Dolichocephalic (narrow skull base coupled with great length), slim; top lines of skull and foreface are divergent.

**CRANIAL REGION:**
Skull: Seen from the front and in profile slightly rounded, pronounced frontal furrow. Occipital crest not very developed. Distance between base of ears is equivalent to that between stop and occipital crest. Superciliary ridges almost imperceptible.
Stop: Almost imperceptible.

**FACIAL REGION:**
Nose: Well-developed, always black.
Muzzle: Cuneiform; shorter than skull, ideal relationship between length of muzzle and that of skull is 8.5 to 10. It tapers progressively from stop to nose. The foreface is straight. The lateral lines of the muzzle are convergent.
Lips: Thin, close-fitting, mediumly developed, quite short and rounded at the end of the muzzle. The edge of the lips should be black. Top lip slightly overlaps lower lip; corner of lips is firm.
Jaws/Teeth: Jaws are strong with regular complete scissor bite. Pincer bite allowed.
Cheeks: Flat.

**EYES:** Almond-shaped, almost oval, medium size. Pigment at edges of lids is dark (preferably black). The colour of the iris is as dark as possible.

**EARS:** Set high, medium length, pendulous, close to cheeks, medium size, the tip of the ear is slightly oval in shape. Ears are thinner than thick.

**NECK:** Strong, in length approximately the same as the head. Top line is slightly arched. The neck is at an angle of 45 to 50 degrees to the horizontal plane.

**BODY:** Rectangular. Length is 10% more than height at withers.
Topline: Straight.
Withers: Only slightly pronounced.

Back: Well-muscled, straight, strong, long.  
Loin: Well-muscled, length about the same as that of the croup.  
Croup: Slightly sloping (20-25% in relation to horizontal), well-muscled, broad.  
Chest: Strong, height 50% of height at withers, girth 20% greater than height at withers.  
Underline and belly: Oval point of sternum standing slightly proud. Belly has slight tuck up.

TAIL: Extends line of croup. Strong at base, tapering progressively towards tip which reaches level of hock. Carried curving up slightly, never lifted above line of back. Covered in abundant hair.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:  
General appearance: Strong, straight, well-muscled, parallel.  
Scapula (shoulderblade): Approximately same length as upper arm, muscled, solid, well attached to thoracic wall. Forms an angle of 45-50 degrees in relation to horizontal.  
Upper arm: Close to body, strong, muscled, approximately same length as scapula. Forms an angle of 45-50 degrees in relation to the horizontal.  
Elbow: Close to body, solid, height from ground to elbow 50% of height at withers.  
Fore-arm: Straight, strong, well-muscled.  
Carpus: Solid.  
Metacarpus (Pasterns): Strong, slightly sloping (up to 15 degrees from vertical).  
Forefeet: Cat foot, with solid tight toes. Nails are strong, preferably black. Dark pads, well-developed.

HINDQUARTERS:  
General appearance: Strong, straight, well-muscled, parallel.  
Thighs: Strong, well-muscled, straight.
Stifle: Solid, parallel with median line of body. Angle of stifle about 120 degrees.
Lower thigh: Well-muscled, length approximately that of the thigh.
Hock: Strong, angle of hock between 135 and 140 degrees.
Metatarsus (Rear Pastern): Strong, almost vertical.
Hind foot: A little longer than front foot; solid tight toes; black strong nails; pads resistant and elastic, dark in colour.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT:** Long steps, energetic and stretching reach. Preferred pace: free trot, regular, harmonious and even.

**SKIN:** Elastic, well-pigmented: taut over the body.

**COAT**
Hair: Short, abundant, gleaming, slightly thick, lying well all over all the body; undercoat is quite well-developed. Hair is slightly longer over the back of the thighs and the underside of the tail.

Colour: The base coat is deep red or foxey red with a black mantle or saddle. The black can go up as far as the head where it forms black marks on the temples. The white star on the head and the blaze which stretches down the muzzle form a complete or partial collar under and around the neck. A white mark is allowed on the chest and may extend as far as the tip of the breast-bone and reach the belly and inside of the legs. The end of the tail can be white. White must not make up more than one third of the total body surface.

**SIZE:**
Height at withers: Males: 45 -55 cm, ideal height 51 cm.
Females: 44 -54 cm, ideal height 49 cm.

**FAULTS:** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered as 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.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**
- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.
- Over or under shot.
- Missing a tooth. although the lack of two premolar 1 (2PM 1) is tolerated.
- China eye.
- Body too long.
- Tail curled, carried high or curving over back. Tip of tail hooked or crooked.
- White marks with speckling of the base coat colour.
- White over more than one third of total body surface.
- Presence of a fourth colour.
- Size greater or lesser than that laid down 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.