This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.
TRANSLATION : Norsk Kennel Klub.

ORIGIN : Norway.


UTILIZATION : Hound for elk-hunting.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION : Group 5 Spitz and primitive types.  
Section 2 Nordic Hunting Dogs. 
With working trial only for the Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland).

GENERAL APPEARANCE : A typical spitz, squarely built, black hair lying rather close to the body, erect pointed ears, tail curled over the back. Proud rise of neck, muscular and athletic.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS : Height of withers = length of body. Length of muzzle = length of skull.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Fearless, energetic and brave.

HEAD : Wedge-shaped, tapering to nose. Clean and rather light, comparatively broad between ears.

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Nearly flat.
Stop : Distinct, but not abrupt.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose : Black.
Muzzle : Bridge of the nose straight.
Lips : Tightly closed.
Eyes : Not protruding. Preferably dark brown.
Ears: Set on high, pricked, height slightly greater than width at the base, pointed.

**NECK**: Of medium length, firm, without loose skin.

**BODY**:
- Topline: Straight from the withers to the croup.
- Withers: Well developed.
- Back: Straight and strong.
- Loin: Well developed, broad and straight.
- Croup: Broad, well muscled.
- Chest: Relatively deep, with good spring of ribs.
- Belly: Slightly tucked up.

**TAIL**: Set on high. Short, thick, with thick and close coat, but not with a flag. Tightly curled over the back, but not carried on either side.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS**:
- General appearance: Firm, sinewy and strong, but not heavy.
- Shoulders: Sloping.
- Upper arm: Moderately sloping.
- Elbow: Well set, turned neither in nor out.
- Forearm: Straight.
- Pastern: Moderately sloping seen from the side.
- Forefeet: Rather small, somewhat oval, compact and not turned outwards.

**HINDQUARTERS**:
- General appearance: Moderately angulated in stifle and hock. Parallel seen from behind. Dewclaws not desired.
- Upper thigh: Muscular and broad.
- Stifle: Moderately angulated.
- Lower thigh: Of medium length.
- Hock joint: Moderately angulated.
Hock: Moderately sloping seen from the side, parallel seen from behind.
Hind feet: Rather small, somewhat oval, compact.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT**: Light and effortless. Parallel seen both from the front and behind.

**COAT**

**HAIR**: Dense and rough, but lying close to the body. On head and front of legs short and smooth; longer on chest and neck, back of legs and the underside of tail. The coat is composed of a longish and coarse topcoat and a soft, woolly and black undercoat.

**COLOUR**: Shining black. A little white on chest and feet may be tolerated.

**SIZE**:
- Height at withers: Males 46-49 cm. Ideal height 47 cm.
- Females 43-46 cm. Ideal height 44 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.
- Pincer bite, irregular bite.
- Lacking undercoat.
- White hairs, white on the tail.
- White socks.
- Stressed, nervous, barking.

**SERIOUS FAULTS**:
- Naturally short tail.
DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Bite over- or undershot.
- Height at withers under 3 or above 4 cm from the ideal height.

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.
ANATOMICAL FEATURES

- Skull
- Ear
- Nape
- Crest
- Neck
- Shoulder
- Withers/top of shoulder
- Back
- Loin
- Croup
- Set of tail
- Point of buttock
- Thigh
- Tail
- Hock joint
- Rear pastern
- Hind foot
- Forefoot
- Forearm
- Wrist
- Pastern
- Chest/Ribcage
- Elbow
- Underline
- Line of belly
- Flank
- Stifle joint (Knee)
- Lower thigh
- Upper arm
- Brisket
- Forearm
- Throat
- Point of shoulder
- Prosternum/point of chest
- Upper jaw
- Chin
- Lower jaw
- Corner of the mouth
- Cheek
- Nose – point of nose
- Nose bridge
- Foreface
- Stop
- Eye