FCI-Standard № 268

(NORSK ELGHUND SORT)
(Norwegian Elkhound Black)
**TRANSLATION:** Norsk Kennel Klub. Official language (EN).

**ORIGIN:** Norway.

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**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.
- **Underline and 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.
- **Shoulder**: 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.
• 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.