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FCI-Standard N° 273

CANAAN DOG
ORIGIN: Israel.


UTILIZATION: Watch- and security Dog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 5 Spitz and primitive type.
Section 6 Primitive type. Without working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: A medium sized, well balanced, strong and square dog resembling the wild dog type. Strong distinction between the sexes.

BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT: Alert, quick to react, distrustful of strangers, strongly defensive but not naturally aggressive. Vigilant not only against man but other animals as well. Extraordinarily devoted and amenable to training.

HEAD: Well proportioned, blunt wedge shape of medium length, appearing broader due to low set ears.

CRANIAL REGION:
Skull: Somewhat flattened. Some width allowed in powerful male heads.
Stop: Shallow but defined.

FACIAL REGION:
Nose: Black.
Muzzle: Sturdy, of moderate length and breadth.
Lips: Tight.
Jaws / Teeth: Jaws should be strong. Full dentition with scissor or level bite.
**EYES:** Dark brown, slightly slanted, almond-shaped. Dark rims essential.

**EARS:** Erect, relatively short and broad, slightly rounded at the tip and set low.

**NECK:** Muscular, of medium length.

**BODY:** Square.
Withers: Well developed.
Back: Level.
Loins: Muscular.
Underline and belly: Well tucked up.

**TAIL:** Set high, thick brush carried curled over the back.

**LIMBS:** Moderate angulations. Balance is essential.

**FOREQUARTERS:**
General appearance: Forelegs perfectly straight.
Shoulder: Oblique and muscular.
Elbows: Close to the body.
Forefeet: Strong, round and cat-like with hard pads.

**HINDQUARTERS:**
General appearance: Powerful.
Thighs: Strong, lightly feathered at the rear side.
Stifles: Well bent.
Hocks: Well let down.
Hind feet: Strong, round and cat-like with hard pads.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT:** Quick, light and energetic trot. Should demonstrate marked agility and stamina. Correct movement is essential.
**COAT**

**Hair:** Outer coat dense, harsh and straight, of short to medium length. Undercoat close and profuse.

Colour: Sand to red-brown, white, black, or spotted, with or without mask. If masked, mask must be symmetrical. Black mask permitted on all colours. White markings are permitted on all colours: «Boston Terrier» patterns are common. Grey, brindle, black-and-tan, or tricolour are unacceptable. Desert colours-sand, gold, red, cream- are most typical of the breed.

**SIZE AND WEIGHT:**

**Size:** Height at withers: 50-60 cm. Males can be considerably larger than females.

**Weight:** 18-25 kg.

**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.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- 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.