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FCI-Standard N° 284

LAPINPOROKOIRA

(Lapponian Herder)

TRANSLATION: Finnish Kennel Club. Official language (EN).

ORIGIN: Finland.

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UTILIZATION: Reindeer herder.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION: Group 5 Spitz and primitive types.
Section 3 Nordic Watchdogs and Herders.
Without working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY: For hundreds of years the Lapps have used dogs of the same type as Lapponian Herder as reindeer herders. Acceptance to the breed register was started in the 1950's. At that time the modern Finnish Lapphund and the Lapponian Herder were still recognized as the same breed. The Lapponian Herder was separated into its own breed 10.12.1966, as it had been noted that two different reindeer herding breeds existed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: A herding spitz, medium sized, clearly longer than the height at the withers. The bone and muscles are strong. The dog is muscular, however must not give the impression of being heavy. The sex should be clearly stamped. The coat is suitably adapted for the arctic climate.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS: The length of the body is about 10% longer than the height at the withers. The depth of the body is about half of the height at the withers.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Docile, calm, friendly, energetic and willing to serve. Barks readily when working.

HEAD: Elongated; the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Only slightly convex. The frontal furrow is marked and the superciliary ridges are clearly defined.

Stop: Gently sloping.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Preferably black, yet harmonizing with the coat colour.

Muzzle: The nasal bridge is straight. Viewed from above and in profile the muzzle tapers evenly towards the nose.

Lips: Tight.

Jaws/Teeth: Jaws and teeth are strong. Scissor bite. Normal dentition.

Cheeks: The zygomatic arches are clearly marked.

EYES: Preferably dark in colour, yet harmonizing with the coat colour. Lively and set rather apart. Oval shaped. The expression is keen, in bitches also devoted.

EARS: Pricked, medium in length, set rather apart, rather broad at set-on. The inside of the ear is covered with profuse hair, particularly at the base.

NECK: Strong and medium in length, set smoothly into the shoulders. Without dewlap.

BODY:

Withers: Marked.

Back: Strong and muscular.

Loin: Short and muscular.

Croup: Rather long and slightly oblique.

Chest: Deep, long and spacious, not very broad. The ribs are clearly arched.

Underline and belly: Gently tucked up.

TAIL: Medium in length, low set and covered with profuse hair. In repose the tail is hanging; in movement it is held in a loose curve, but may not raise over the back. The tail action may also be circular.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Powerful, attached to the body with strong muscles, yet free in movement. Muscular and well angulated. Viewed from the front straight and parallel.

Shoulder: Oblique and muscular.

Elbows: Turning neither inwards nor outwards, close to the body, pointing straight backwards.

Forearm: Vertical.

Carpus: Sinewy and flexible.

Pastern: Seen in profile slightly oblique, enabling the flexible movement.

Fore feet: Rather oval with all sides, also underneath, covered with dense hair. The toes are well arched, the pads elastic and thick.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Well angulated. Viewed from behind straight and parallel.

Upper thigh: Rather long and broad with well developed muscles.

Stifle: Pointed forward, the angulation is clearly marked.

Hock joint: Set rather low; the angulation is clearly marked.

Metatarsus: Rather short, vertical and parallel.

Hind feet: As front feet. Preferably without dewclaws.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Free, flexible, effortless and sound. The trot is tireless. At a fast trot tends to single-track.

SKIN: Tight overall without wrinkles.

COAT

Hair: The outer coat is of medium length or long, straight, rather erect and harsh. The undercoat is fine and dense.

SURFACE ANATOMY

