



FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (AISBL)

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FCI-Standard N° 248

PHARAOH HOUND

ORIGIN: Malta

PATRONAGE: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: An alert keen hunter, hunting by scent and sight, using his ears to a marked degree when working close.

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Medium sized, of noble bearing with clean-cut lines. Graceful yet powerful. Very fast with free easy movement and alert expression.

BEHAVIOUR /TEMPERAMENT: Alert, intelligent, friendly, affectionate and playful.

HEAD: Foreface slightly longer than skull. Top of skull parallel with foreface, whole head representing a blunt wedge when viewed in profile and from above.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Long, lean and well-chiselled.

Stop: Only slight.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Flesh coloured only, blending with coat.

Jaws/Teeth: Powerful jaws with strong teeth. Scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES: Amber coloured, blending with coat; oval, moderately deep-set, with keen, intelligent expression.

EARS: Medium high set; carried erect when alert, but very mobile; broad at base, fine and large.

NECK: Long, lean, muscular and slightly arched. Clean throat line.

BODY: Lithe with almost straight topline. Length of body from breast to haunch bone slightly longer than height at withers.

Croup: Slight slope down from croup to root of tail.

Chest: Deep, extending down to point of elbow. Ribs well sprung.

Underline and belly: Moderate cut up.

TAIL: Medium set, fairly thick at base and tapering (whip-like), reaching just below point of hock in repose. Carried high and curved when dog is in action. Tail should not be tucked between legs. A screw tail undesirable.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs straight and parallel.

Shoulder: Strong, long and well laid back.

Elbow: Well tucked in.

Pastern: Strong

Forefeet: Strong, well knuckled and firm, turning neither in nor out. Paws well padded. Dewclaws may be removed.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Strong and muscular. Limbs parallel when viewed from behind.

Stifle: Moderate bend of stifle.

Second thigh: Well developed.

Hind feet: Strong, well knuckled and firm, turning neither in nor out. Paws well padded. Dewclaws may be removed.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Free and flowing; head held fairly high and dog should cover ground well without any apparent effort. Legs and feet should move in line with body; any tendency to throw feet sideways, or high stepping « hackney » action highly undesirable.

COAT

Hair: Short and glossy, ranging from fine and close to slightly harsh; no feathering.

Colour: Tan or rich tan with white markings allowed as follows: White tip on tail strongly desired. White on chest (called « the star »). White on toes. Slim white blaze on center line of face permissible. Flecking or white other than above undesirable.

HEIGHT: Dogs : ideally 56 cm (22-25 ins = 56-63,5 cm),
bitches : ideally 53 cm (21-24 ins = 53-61 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.**

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.

SURFACE ANATOMY

