

FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (F.C.I)
SECRETARIAT GENERAL: 12, Rue Leopold II. THUIN (Belgique)
The 23rd November 1966
STANDARD: CANAAN DOG - ISRAELIAN BREED

A. COLLIE-LIKE TYPE:

General Appearance: A medium sized, well-proportioned dog resembling the wild dog type.

Character: Alert, sharp, distrustful of strangers, aggressive, but not a real fighter, vigilant not only against men but also against animals (shepherd dog tradition), extraordinarily devoted and docile. If well kept, he is firmly attached to his home and shows no tendency to straying.

Size and Weight: 50-60 cm high, males mostly considerably higher than females. Weight 18-25 kg, coefficient of robustness: 20-25.

Colour: Sand to red brown, white or black, large white markings are permissible, even desirable with all colours, Harlequins of all kinds, as well as dark and white masks are also permissible. Boston Terrier markings are very frequent. Grey and black and tan are not desired, to emphasise the difference to similar European sporting breeds.

Coat desired: Hair middle long, straight and harsh ("Stock-hair") undercoat according to the season. Smooth and longhaired less desirable. Legs should be well feathered, tail plumed, mane desirable with males.

Body shape: Square; where length is greater than height, it is due to shortness of legs, not to length of back or loins. Brisket deep, chest not too narrow, well ribbed. Loins arched. Belly well drawn up.

Neck: Noble, straight, withers well developed.

Eyes: Slightly slanting, the darker the better. Unpigmented corners normal with Harlequins, permitted, but not desired with other colours.

Ears: Short, relatively broad prick-ear, or semi-prick, slightly rounded at the tip, set on low and widely apart, not high and long like the Alsations. V-shaped ear (Button ear) and all intermediate stages between prick-ear and not heavy drop-ear are still permitted, but not desired.

Head: Well proportioned and noble, not at all heavy and clumsy, but not of Greyhound-like over delicacy. The head is blunt, wedge-shaped, of medium length, not too broad in region of forehead, but appearing broader through ears set on low. The distance from the point between the eyes to the occipital bone is distinctly longer than the distance between the ear roots, but without striking disproportion. Praeorbital depression better absent or only slightly marked. Stop slightly marked, skull not domed, but also not Greyhound-like flat. Frontal furrow and middle furrow of the back of the head slightly marked. Muzzle sturdy, of moderate length and deep and of proportional breadth; not at all cube shaped or of Greyhound-like appearance. The relation between

the length of the upper skull and the length of the muzzle is approximately 1:1; deviation must be in favour of the muzzle length. That anatomic shape of the head resembles mostly (to compare it with the well-known sporting breeds) to the head of the Collie, but it differs from it by the shorter muzzle and more powerful upper skull, also by the low, broad set ears. The lips stiff and short. A slight lengthening is tolerated with powerful male dog heads.

Molar Bones: Powerful but flat, with male dogs somewhat domed afore.

Teeth: “Pliers” wanted, “scissors,” allowed; teeth at full number also the premolar teeth. Forbidden: over and undershot.

Nose: Dark pigmented most desirable; lack of pigment till now allowed (especially with piebald individuals) .

Legs: Forelegs perfectly straight, medium strong bones, pasterns strong. Shoulder well angulated. Hind legs also well-angulated (ca 130) hocks well let down, strong buttocks slightly feathered. Feet: should be round and catlike with hard pads.

Tail: Carried curled over the back when excited, set on high, very bushy.

Gait and Movement: Essentially a trotter, his trot is short but very quick. Desirable: “natural trot”.

General Remarks: Particular stress must be laid on differences to the Alsatian. The Canaan is squarely built, has short loins, is not over angulated, is well erect, and has a slender neck and short trot. As seen above, head, colours and carriage are different.

Faults: Besides the deviations from the standard of the breed, all faults in body structure, which constitute deviations from the general norm of a well-built dog.

A. DINGO-LIKE TYPE - CHANGES TO A.

Body shape: Square or long rectangle. Where length is greater than height, it is due to shortness of legs, not to length of back or loins. Brisket deep, chest not too narrow, well ribbed. Loins arched, belly mostly not well drawn up.

Neck: Straight, sometimes short, withers well developed.

Ears: Seldom prick-ear or semi-prick ear. Mostly button-ear and all intermediate stages between prick-ear and not heavy drop-ear.

Head: Well proportioned not too heavy and clumsy, sometimes more stop. The proportion of the length of the upper skull and the length of the muzzle is mostly showing a bigger deviation in favour of the upper skull. The head appears to be the original gross shape of the Collie-like ennobled head shape, as generally the whole Dingo-like type appears to be the heavier original form of the Collie-like Canaan Dog.