

# CANAAN DOG

**Height** - Dogs – 20” to 24” Bitches 19” to 23”

**General Appearance** - A pariah dog type that is naturally alert, inquisitive and watchful. A square dog of medium size, moderate and balanced without extremes. Moderately angulated.

**Head** –Elongated, wedge shaped, length exceeds breadth and depth considerably. **Muzzle** - Tapering and equal to or slightly longer than skull. **Ears** – Erect, medium to large, set moderately low, angled very slightly forward when excited. **Eyes** - Dark, almond shaped, slightly slanted. Varying shades of hazel with liver pointed dogs.

**Bite** – Scissors.

**Body** - Well arched neck, level topline with slight arch over loins.

**Chest** – Moderately broad and deep, extending to elbows, ribs well sprung. **Loin**-Well tucked up. **Tail** - Set high. When confident tail will be carried curled over back, either in curl or sickle, with one full curl being the ideal.

**Gait** -Brisk and tireless trot. Tends to converge at higher speeds. Agile, graceful and able to change speed and direction instantly.

**Coat** - Double, outer coat straight, harsh, flat lying; longer on ruff, tail, top of withers and back of thigh. Thick brush tail tapering to a pointed tip. Undercoat is soft and short.

**Color** - Two color patterns listed: 1) Predominantly white with mask and with or without additional patches of color (large body patches are desirable). 2) Solid colored with or without white trim.

Color may range from black through all shades of brown – sandy to red or liver. The Mask is a desired and distinguishing feature of the predominantly white Canaan Dog.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS.:**

- Gray and/or brindle.
- All white.