

# Cirneco dell'Etna

**Height-** Dogs 18+ – 19 ½” Bitches 16 ½” - 19”

Point of shoulder to haunch bone equal to height at withers.

**Head** – Alert expression **Eyes** – Relatively small, oval, semi-lateral position. Amber or ochre blending with coat; eyelid rims correspond with nose color. Severely penalize brown or yellow iris. **Ears** – Set very high, close together, upright, rigid, parallel when alert, triangular with narrow tip. **Skull** – Width no more than half the head; profile almost flat, lean and well chiseled. **Stop** – Slight **Muzzle** – Length equal or slightly less than length of skull, parallel planes. **Nose** – Bridge of nose straight, rather large, flesh colored, blending with coat. **Cheeks** – Flat. **Mouth** – Lower jaw lightly developed with receding chin. **Lips** – Thin, taut, covers teeth of lower jaw. **Bite** – Complete dentition desired, scissors.

**Neck** – Length same as head, strong, clean, well arched, muscular, well set into shoulders. **Topline** – Straight, sloping withers to croup; **Chest** – To elbow but not beyond. **Ribs** – Slightly sprung, narrow, but never flat; tuck-up clean, not excessive. **Back** – Straight without conspicuous muscles. **Croup** – Flat as possible, sloping steeply downwards to root of tail. **Tail** – Set low, fairly thick, reaches hock, carried high and curved when in action, saber fashion in repose. Severely penalize if curled over back.

**Forequarters – Shoulders:** Strong, long, moderately laid back.

**Hindquarters** – Strong, muscular, not excessively angulated.

**Dewclaws – Front** may not be removed; **Rear** absent. **Feet** – Strong, well knuckled, firm, slightly oval, pads well padded, brown or flesh colored nails.

**Coat** – Short on head, ears, legs; short to semi-long (about 1 ½ “) on body. No feathering. **Color** – Self colored light to dark tan or chestnut. White collar, self-colored white or white with orange patches less desired. **Gait** – Springy, without excessive extension.

**Temperament** – Strong, lively, independent, gentle, affectionate.

## Disqualifications

Walleye – An eye with a whitish iris or blue eye(s)

Overshot mouth or undershot mouth

Totally hanging ears or bat ears

Total depigmentation: self-colored brown or liver; brown patches or hairs; brindle coat; any presence of black patches, hairs, pigmentation, nails or mucous membranes

Height not within tolerance: Dogs under 17 ½ “or over 20 ½ “;  
Bitches under 16” or over 19 ½ “

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