## Sloughi

**Height** Normally Dogs 26" – 29" and Bitches 24" – 27"

**General Appearance –** A medium-large, short-coated, athletic sighthound. It is robust, but elegant and racy, pursuit dog. The Sloughi is not fragile, but body and legs show defined bony structure and strong, lean muscles. Skeletal structure is sturdy.

**Head** – Long and refined, from above it is shaped like a long wedge. **Expression**- Gentle, slightly sad, and melancholy. **Eyes**-Large, dark and well set in their sockets. Eye color is dark brown to dark amber. Shape varies from oval to almond. Rims pigmented. **Ears**-Set about level with the eye and droop close to the head. Medium sized, triangular and slightly rounded at the tips. **Skull**-From above, rather broad measuring approximately 4 – 5 inches between the ears. Flat in profile. **Muzzle**-Shaped like an elongated wedge and is about half the total length of the head. Parallel planes. **Nose**-Black and strong. Inclines slightly down toward tip. B**ite**-Scissors preferred, level acceptable

**Topline-**Essentially level between withers and hip bones. Hip bones may be slightly higher than withers, which are apparent. **Back-**Short and almost level. **Ribs-**Flat, long, slightly curved in posterior third of chest. **Body-**Chest not too wide and almost reaches elbow. **Tail-**Long, thin and normally carried low.

**Coat-**Always smooth. Hair is short, tight and fine all over body.

**Color-**All shades of light sand (cream) to mahogany red fawn, with or without brindling or with or without black markings. Should have no invasive white markings.

Gait-Supple, smooth and effortless with long strides.

**Temperament-**A dog with class and grace, noble and somewhat aloof.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- -Ears erect, or small and folding backwards in a "rose ear."
- -An overshot or undershot jaw.
- -Coat too long and/or feathering on the ears, tail and/or legs.
- -Color not in accordance with the standard and/or solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

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