

# Spanish Water Dog

**Height-** Dogs 17 ½” – 19 ¾ “ Bitches 15 ¾ ” - 18”

**General Appearance** – A sturdy, medium sized, well proportioned, athletic dog. Strong herding instincts. Solidly built, robust with moderate bone. Length to height ratio: 9:8

**Head** – Balanced with body. **Eyes** – Slightly oblique. Shades of brown from hazel to dark chestnut **Ears** – Set at eye level, drooping and triangular. Should not reach past inside corner of eye. **Skull** – Broad and flat. Cranium to muzzle ratio is 3:2 and planes are parallel.

**Stop** – Apparent, but not abrupt. **Muzzle** – Wide at base, tapering slightly to rounded tip. **Nose** – Same or slightly darker color than darkest color of coat and has well defined nostrils. Beige or white dogs have may have either black or brown pigment. **Cheeks** – Well filled below eyes. **Lips** – Well fitting and pigmented as nose.

**Bite** – Complete dentition desired, scissors, level accepted.

**Body** – Robust. **Topline** – Straight. **Chest** – Broad and well let down and equals at least 50% of height. **Ribs** – Well sprung.

**Back** – Straight and powerful. **Croup** – Slightly sloping. **Tail** – Set smoothly into croup neither high nor low. Traditionally docked, but preference not given to docked or undocked. Can be naturally bobbed.

**Forequarters** – Well muscled and shoulders well laid back, approximately 90° with upper arm. **Pasterns** - strong and flexible.

**Dewclaws** may be removed. **Feet** - Round and compact.

**Hindquarters** – Balanced with front. **Dewclaws** – Removed.

**Feet** – Same as front.

**Coat** – the hair is a single coat, always curly and of a wooly texture. It is never brushed or combed. Clipping always complete and even, never “aesthetic”. Recommended length is 1 to 5 inches. **Any brushing, aesthetic trimming, or sculpting of the coat that alters natural appearance is to be severely penalized.**

**Color** – May be solid (in various shades of black, brown, beige, or white) or parti-color where the second color is white. **Gait** – Free, smooth, effortless and ground covering. Converge as speed increases.

**Temperament** – Loyal with protective instincts, neither timid or shy, but naturally suspicious of strangers.

## **Disqualifications**

*Parti-colored, where the second color is not white.*

*Tri color, tan point.*

*Smooth or wavy coat.*

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