

Nederlandse Kooikerhondje

Examine on Table

Height Dogs 16 “ Bitches 15 “

General Appearance – A small harmoniously built orange-red parti-colored sporting dog. Slightly longer than tall with strong but not heavy bone. Presented with a natural, untrimmed coat. No scissoring except for the feet.

Head – Clean cut with flowing lines. **Skull** – Sufficiently broad, and moderately rounded and, about equal in length to the muzzle.

Eyes – Almond-shaped, dark brown with a friendly expression.

Ears – Medium size set above eye level, carried close to cheeks, well feathered, black tips (“earrings”) are highly desirable.

Muzzle – A blunt wedge as seen from above or in profile. Not too deep, nor tapering too much. Planes are almost parallel. Stop clearly visible in profile. **Bite** – Scissor bite, level acceptable, complete dentition preferred.

Body – Neck balanced with body and medium length. **Topline** – Smooth level line from withers to the hipbones and a slightly rounded croup. Length of legs should equal depth of body. **Chest** – Reaching to the elbows with moderate spring of ribs. **Tail** – Carried level with topline, with upward curl or almost straight up and well-feathered. The tail should reach the hock. **Feet** – Are slightly oval and small.

Coat – Medium length, close lying, slightly wavy or straight. Soft, with enough texture to be weather resistant.

Color – Distinct patches of clear orange-red on pure white are ideal. Chest, belly and majority of legs and tail should be white. Orange red should predominate on head and torso and may be present as a mantle or blanket. Some black hair intermingling with orange-red color is acceptable.

Gait – Flowing and light-footed with moderate reach and drive.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1 ½” under the ideal after 1 year of age or 1 ½” above the ideal height at any age.
- Color that is black and white or tri-color.