

Spinone Italiano

Height Dogs 23 1/2 - 27 1/2" Bitches 22 1/2 - 25 1/2 "

General Appearance – Muscular, powerful bone, solidly built, gentle demeanor, naturally sociable, and patient. Square outline that can be slightly longer than tall.

Head – Long, with muzzle length equal to the backskull. **Skull** – Oval with well developed occipital protuberance and pronounced medial furrow. **Eyes** – Large, almost round and set well apart with close fitting lids. **Ears** – Almost triangular set on level with the eye, with little erectile power. **Muzzle** – Square when viewed from front. Width one-third the length. Stop barely perceptible. **Nose** - Bulbous and spongy. Nose is rosy flesh color in white and orange dogs, brown in brown and white or brown-roan dogs **Bite** – Scissor or level bite.

Body – Chest - Deep, well rounded with well sprung ribs. Extends at least to the elbows. **Topline** – In two segments. First slopes downward from withers to 11th thoracic vertebrae and second part rises gradually into well arched loin without rising above the withers. **Tail** – Normally docked 5 1/2 to 8 inches follows line of the croup and is carried horizontally or down. Same carriage for an undocked tail. **Feet** – Large, compact, rounded with arched toes. Rear feet slightly more than forefeet. Dewclaws may be present on inner side of rear pastern.

Coat – Harsh single coat 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 inches on the body. Eyes and lips framed by long, stiff hair forming eyebrows, mustache, and beard. **Color** – Solid white, white and orange, orange roan with or without orange markings, white with brown makings, and brown roan with or without brown markings.

Gait – Free, relaxed trot with balanced angulation front and rear. Geared for endurance. The trot has an intermittent gallop.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: *Walleye (an eye with a whitish iris; blue eye, fish eye, pearl eye). Any pigment other than described or total depigmentation of the nose. Overshot or undershot bite. Any black pigmentation. Any black in the coat. Tri-color marking in any combination. Tan points or any color other than accepted colors.*