## Norwegian Buhund

Examine on floor or ramp

**Height** - Dogs 17" to  $18\frac{1}{2}$  ", Bitches 16" to  $17\frac{1}{2}$ "

**General Appearance** - Typical northern type herding dog, a little under medium size, squarely built with a tightly curled tail and prick ears. Substance and bone in proportion to overall dog. Extremely intelligent, energetic, self-appointed watch dog. Self-confident, alert, lively and very affectionate with people.

**Head** - In proportion to dog with wedge-shaped skull, almost flat, and parallel to bridge of nose. Equidistant muzzle to skull. **Lips** - Black. **Eyes** - Oval, dark with black eye rims. **Ears** - Medium sized, prick, erectly carried but mobile. **Nose** - Black. **Teeth** - Scissors bite with complete dentition.

**Body - Neck** - Medium length. **Topline** - Level. **Chest** - Deep. **Forequarters and Hindquarters -** Moderately angulated with substantial but not coarse bone. **Feet** - Oval. **Tail** - Set high, tightly curled and carried over the center line of the back.

**Coat** - Outer coat thick and hard but rather smooth lying. Undercoat is soft and dense. The coat must **not** be trimmed except for the feet.

**Color - Wheaten:** Any shade from pale cream to bright orange with or without dark tipped hairs; as little white as possible; black mask acceptable. **Black:** White permitted as a narrow ring around neck, narrow blaze on face, small patch of hairs on the chest, white feet and tip of tail.

**Gait** - Action is free and effortless. Topline remains level. Sound movement essential for working breed.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS**; More than ½ inch under, or 1 inch over the height at the highest point of the shoulder blade. Overshot or undershot mouth.