

Cirneco Dell'Etna

Examine on floor or ramp

Height- Dogs 18" - 20" Bitches 17" -19".

General Appearance – Square.

Head - Alert expression. **Eyes** - Small, oval, set obliquely. Amber or ochre blending with coat; eyelid rims correspond with nose color. Penalize brown or yellow iris. **Ears** - Set very high, close together, upright. **Skull** - Width no more than half the head; profile almost flat. **Stop** – Slight. **Muzzle** - Length equal but not less than 80% of the length of skull. **Nose** - Bridge of nose straight. **Cheeks** - Flat. **Mouth** - Lower jaw lightly developed. **Lips** - Thin, taut, covers teeth of lower jaw. **Bite** – Scissors. Complete dentition.

Body - Neck - Length same as head, strong, well arched, muscular.

Topline - Straight, sloping withers to croup.

Chest – Reaches to elbow. **Ribs** - Slightly sprung, narrow, but never flat. **Croup** - Flat as possible, sloping steeply downwards.

Tail - Set low, fairly thick, reaches hock, carried high. Severely penalize if curled over back.

Forequarters – Shoulders - Strong, long, moderately laid back.

Dewclaws - Front may not be removed. Rear - absent.

Hindquarters - Strong, muscular, not excessively angulated.

Feet - Strong, well knuckled, oval, nails brown or flesh colored.

Coat - Short on head, ears, legs. Short to semi-long (1") on body. No feathering.

Color – Self-colored light to dark tan. White collar is less desired.

Gait - Springy, without excessive extension.

Temperament - Strong, lively, independent. Gentle and affectionate.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Walleye - An eye with a whitish iris or blue eye(s).
- Overshot mouth or undershot mouth.
- Totally hanging ears or bat ears.
- Total depigmentation: self-colored brown or liver; brown patches or hairs; brindle coat; any presence of black patches, hairs, pigmentation, black nails, or mucous membranes.
- Height not within the stated limits: Dogs under 18 "or over 20". Bitches under 17" or over 19".