

Spanish Water Dog

Examine on floor or ramp

Height- Dogs 17 ½"- 19 ¾"· Bitches 15 ¾"-18"

General Appearance - A sturdy, medium size and weight dog. His distinctive rustic curly, single coat is a hallmark of the breed. All tail lengths are equally acceptable. Proportions - Measured from point of shoulder to buttocks and withers to the ground 9:8.

Head - Balanced with body. **Eyes** - Slightly oblique. Shades of brown from hazel to dark chestnut. **Ears** - Set above 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 tip. **Nose** - Same or slightly darker color than darkest color of coat and has well defined nostrils. Beige or white dogs 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, 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.

Coat - The rustic coat is a hallmark of the breed. Any brushing, scissoring, aesthetic trimming or sculpting of the coat destroys breed type and must be penalized so severely as to eliminate the dog from competition. The hair is a single coat, always curly and of a wooly texture.

Color - May be solid (in its various shades of black, brown, beige, or white). Irish-marked or parti-color where one of the colors must be white.

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

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Tricolor, tan-point, or parti-color where one of the colors is not white, albino or brindle.
- Smooth or wavy coat.

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