

# English Springer Spaniel

Examine on floor or ramp

**Height** Dogs 20” ideal Bitches 19” ideal

**General Appearance** - Medium sized spaniel, compact body and a docked or undocked tail. Above all a well- proportioned dog, free from exaggeration, nicely balanced in every part. Exudes power, endurance and agility.

**Head** - Profile appears same length as neck. **Skull** - Medium length, fairly broad, top flat with a moderate stop divided by a groove, or fluting between the eyes. **Muzzle** - Parallel to skull, same length and one half the width. **Bite** - Scissors. **Ears** - Long, fairly wide, hanging close and set on level with the eye, not too far back on the skull. **Eyes** - Oval, medium size, set rather well-apart, fairly deep, harmonizing with coat color with fully pigmented rims. The eyes, more than any other feature, are the essence of the Springer’s appeal.

**Body** - Short-coupled, strong, compact. Slightly longer than tall, sturdy with good bone, but not coarse or ponderous.

**Chest** - Deep reaching the elbow with well-developed forechest and short, strong, slightly arched loin. **Topline** - Firm with a gentle slope to tail. **Tail** - Docked, carried horizontally, or slightly elevated, with merry action. **Feet** - Round, or slightly oval, medium sized, compact, well-arched.

**Coat** - Outer coat medium length, glossy, flat or wavy. Short, soft, dense undercoat. Both coats combine to make the dog virtually waterproof. Feathering of moderate length. Over trimming to be penalized. Correct quality and condition of coat should take precedence over quantity.

**Colors** - Several colors are acceptable - Black or Liver with white markings; White with black or liver markings. Blue or liver roan. Tricolor, that is either color with tan markings. Any white may be ticked.

**Gait** - Equal angulation front and rear allow correct balanced movement with a long, low reach and powerful drive.

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