

Sussex Spaniel

Examine on ramp

Height — Dogs and Bitches - 13” to 15”

General Appearance - Very old breed presenting a long, low, rectangular, rather massive appearance with level topline. Head held low when gaiting. Docked or undocked tail is not carried above the level of the back.

Head - Breed Characteristic: Correct head & expression. **Skull** - Wide and moderately long. **Muzzle** - Broad, square with somewhat pendulous lips. **Stop** - Full. **Eyes** - Hazel color, fairly large, soft, languishing, little or no haw. **Expression** - Somber, serious with heavy brows produces frowning look. **Ears** - Fairly large, thick, lobe - shaped, set moderately low, slightly above outside eye corner. **Nose** - Nostrils well developed, liver color. **Bite** - Scissors preferred

Body- Neck - Rather short, strong, slightly arched and while gaiting carries head close to level of back. **Body** - Low and long. **Chest** - Deep, wide. **Back and Loin** - Long, very muscular both in width & depth. **Topline** - Level. **Tail** – Docked or undocked, set low, nice action when gaiting but does not carry above back level. If docked, the tail is 5” to 7” long.

Forequarters – Legs may be straight or slightly bowed. Shoulders well laid back.

Coat - Flat or slightly waved, abundant with no tendency to curl.

Color - Rich golden liver color is unique to the breed and is the only acceptable color.

Gait - Powerful, true, free moving. Chest deep and wide coupled with short legs, long body produces rolling gait- nice tail action.

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