

Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Height Dogs 23" to 26" Bitches - 21" to 24"

General Appearance - The breed's characteristics are designed to enable them to hunt under the most adverse conditions. He has a bright and happy disposition with courage and a willingness to work.

Head - Skull - Broad and round with a medium stop. **Muzzle** - Same length as skull, tapers, but is not sharp. **Bite** - Scissor, level is acceptable. **Ears** - Small, set well up on the head and hanging loosely. **Eyes** - Wide apart and medium large. They are very clear and are yellowish or amber in color.

Body - Strong, well-balanced powerful bird dog of moderate size and medium length of body and leg. **Chest** - Deep and wide with a barrel rib cage and well tucked up flanks. **Shoulders** - Sloping and powerful. **Hindquarters** - even more powerful allow good reach and drive. **Back** - Short and well-coupled with the hindquarters as high as or a trifle higher than the shoulders. **Feet** - Well webbed hare feet, of good size.

Coat -Supreme importance due to working in snow and ice. It should be thick and short - not over 1 ½ inches long - with a dense fine wooly undercoat. The oil in both outer and undercoats is of extreme value in preventing water reaching the skin and in aiding quick drying.

Color - Any color of brown, sedge or dead grass. Self-colored are preferred. White spot (the smaller the better) allowed on the breast, belly, toes or back of feet.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Specimens lacking in breed characteristics.
- Teeth overshot or undershot.
- Dewclaws on the hind legs.
- Coat curly or with a tendency to curl all over the body.
- Feathering on the tail or legs over 1 ¾ inches long.
- Black colored.
- White on any part of the body except breast, belly, toes, or back of feet.

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