

GOLDEN RETRIEVER



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ORIGIN: Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION: Gundog.

CLASSIFICATION: Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing
 Dogs, Water Dogs.
 Section 1 Retrievers.
 With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Symmetrical, balanced, active, powerful, level mover; sound with kindly expression.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT: Biddable, intelligent and possessing natural working ability; kindly, friendly and confident.

HEAD: Balanced and well chiselled.

CRANIAL REGION:

Skull: Broad without coarseness; well set on neck.

Stop: Well defined.

FACIAL REGION:

Nose: Preferably black.

Muzzle: Powerful, wide and deep. Length of foreface approximately equals length from stop to occiput.

Jaws/Teeth: Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

EYES: Dark brown, set well apart, dark rims.

EARS: Moderate size, set on approximate level with eyes.

NECK: Good length, clean and muscular.

BODY: Balanced.

Back: Level topline.

Loin: Strong, muscular, short-coupled.

Chest: Deep through heart. Ribs deep, well sprung.

TAIL: Set on and carried level with back, reaching to hocks, without curl at tip.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS:

General appearance: Forelegs straight with good bone.

Shoulde : Well laid back, long in blade.

Upper arm: Of equal length as the shoulder blade, placing legs well under body.

Elbow: Close fitting.

Forefeet: Round and cat-like.

HINDQUARTERS:

General appearance: Hindlegs strong and muscular.

Stifle: Well bent.

Lower thigh: Good.

Hock: Well let down, straight when viewed from rear, neither turning in nor out. Cow-hocks highly undesirable.

Hind feet: Round and cat-like.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Powerful with good drive. Straight and true in front and rear. Stride long and free with no sign of hackney action in front.

COAT

Hair: Flat or wavy with good feathering, dense water-resisting undercoat.

Colour: Any shade of gold or cream, neither red nor mahogany. A few white hairs on chest only, permissible.

SIZE AND WEIGHT:

Height at withers: Dogs 56 - 61 cm (22-24 ins);
 Bitches 51 - 56 cm (20-22 ins).

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog **and on its ability to perform its traditional work.**

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

SURFACE ANATOMY

