

Korthals Griffon Breed Standard (United Kingdom)

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A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Kennel Club website for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure.

Interim

General Appearance A vigorous, robust dog, of workmanlike, natural appearance and medium size with a harsh coat. Well developed moustache and beard giving characteristic expression of firmness and assurance.

Characteristics A versatile hunting, pointing bird dog, of griffon type. Also used for tracking large, wounded game.

Temperament Gentle, proud and very loyal, neither timid nor aggressive.

Head and Skull Large and long but not too broad, with moderate stop. Covered with harsh hair, which is thick but not too long; the moustache, beard and eyebrows should be well developed. The muzzle is long, square and of equal length to the skull. The top lines of skull and muzzle are parallel. Nose, slightly convex at the tip and always brown.

Eyes Dark yellow or brown. Large and rounded. Surmounted, but not covered by the eyebrows, conveying a very intelligent expression.

Ears Of medium size, flat, not curled inwards, set on a level with the eyes. The hair covering should be short mixed with longer strands. The length of the ear should reach midway along the muzzle.

Mouth Teeth and jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws with full dentition.

Neck Moderately long, without dewlap.

Forequarters Chest: deep, not too wide, with ribs slightly sprung. Forelegs: straight, strong and covered in thick hair. Shoulders should be well set on, oblique and quite long with good length of upper arm.

Body The body length from point of shoulder to point of buttock should be slightly greater than the height at the withers with the proportions of 11 to 10.

Hindquarters Thighs long, well muscled, with moderate turn of stifle. Hocks turning neither in nor out.

Feet Round, strong with tight, arched toes.

Tail Covered with thick hair, without fringing. Carried horizontally or with the tip slightly raised. Docking previously optional when no more than one quarter to one third was to be removed.

Gait/Movement Ground covering and driving from behind. Front and rear action is parallel, with good length of stride.

Coat Harsh and coarse with fine, dense undercoat. Never curly or woolly.

Colour Steel grey with liver brown patches; Solid liver brown; Liver roan; Liver brown with white hairs; White and brown. Undercoat brown in all colours.

Size Height at withers: Dogs 55-60 cms (21 ³/₄ – 23 ¹/₂ ins). Bitches 50-55 cms (19 ³/₄ - 21 ³/₄ 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 the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

Note Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.