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FCI-Standard N° 114

PONT-AUDEMER SPANIEL
(Epagneul de Pont-Audemer)
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UTILIZATION : Pointing dog.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION :  
    Group 7 Pointing Dogs.  
    Section 1.2 Continental Pointing Dogs, « Spaniel » type.  
    With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Stocky and vigorous dog.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Round and developed at the top, occipital crest prominent; the parietals are rather round. The forehead rising towards the topknot which must be very curly and well placed on the top of the skull, leaving the forehead bare.  
Stop : Forming a weak angle, although marked.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose : Brown, protruding perceptibly above the front of the lips, rather pointed.  
Muzzle : Long, arched in the middle part.  
Lips : Fine and slightly let down, making the muzzle rather pointed.  
Eyes : Dark amber or hazel, rather small, well set into the socket; kind and frank expression.  
Ears : Medium thickness, flat, set on rather low in such a way as to keep them away from the cheeks; long and furnished with long silky very curly hair, joining the top knot to show a beautiful curly wig really framing the head.
NECK : A little arched, neat, well muscled, joining finely to the head and solidly to the shoulders.

BODY :
Back : Straight or slightly convex.
Loin : Quite short, broad, solid, muscular.
Croup : Very slightly oblique.
Chest : Deep, broad, going down fully to level of the elbow; ribs ong and protruding, the last rib close to the hip.
Flanks : Flat and a little raised.

TAIL : Set almost at the level of the loin line, carried quite straight, generally docked to one third of its length; thick at the base, well feathered with curly hair which should surround the tail completely. When the tail is not docked, it must be of medium length, carried a little curved.

LIMBS : The legs must be rather short, the dog being rather low to the ground, yet without falling into the Cocker type.

FOREQUARTERS :
Shoulders : Strong, long, sloping, close at the point where they join the spinal column.
Upper arm : Strong and muscled.

HINDQUARTERS :
Haunch : Prominent and reaching the height of the back.
Thighs : Straight, well let down, muscular, fleshy, with culottes.
Point of buttock prominent.
Hock joint : Broad and straight, without deviation either in or out.
Hocks : Rather short, furnished especially at the back with a curly fringe. Dewclaws to be avoided.

FEET : Round, set true, furnished with long, curly hairs between the toes.
COAT

HAIR : Curly and slightly ruffled.

COLOUR : Brown, preferably brown and grey mottled, with dead leaf glints.

SIZE :
52 - 58 cm.

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.

- Skull flat on the sides, forehead parallel to the muzzle; lack of topknot, topknot reaching to the superciliary arches or topknot formed by hanging hair.
- Stop forming a weak angle, although marked.
- Nose black, pale, dudley nose or round.
- Muzzle short or too convex.
- Lips thick, with flews.
- Eyes too light, set level with the head surface or too sunken. Look unfriendly or vicious.
- Ears thick, folded, too short, set too high, carried either forward or backward.
- Neck too heavy, flat on its top line, too thick in its junction with the head.
- Back long, narrow or hollow.
- Loin long, narrow or flat.
- Croup falling steeply away, too straight.
- Chest insufficiently let down, too round or hollow; ribs flat or too close together.
- Flanks too fleshy, too deep.
- Tail set too high or too low, too curved, carried sabre fashion with a plume.
• Shoulders short, straight, wide apart at the summit.
• Upper arm thin.
• Haunch low set.
• Thigh flat.
• Hock joints deviated, straight, too wide apart or too close together.
• Hocks long, oblique from back to front or deviating to the right or the left, without fringes.
• Feet narrow, much too broad, too hairy; fleshy pads.
• Coat too flat, too curly, too hard or too fine; topknot not curly or falling as in the Poodle.
• Colour black or black and white, presence of tan markings.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:
• Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
• Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

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.